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IN LEFT PHOTO: Mayor Richard A. Cohen (center) and his brother, Alan (far left), are pictured with supporters on Tuesday at Phelps School. In right photo: Mayor Cohen with his father, Philip (center), and brother, Alan (right), await the results of the primary election. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard and Kay Saltmarsh.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Mayoral candidate Robert Rossi (right) stands with his sister, Marie Nardi (far left) and supporters at Phelps School on Tuesday. In right photo: Agawam Town Councilor Robert Magovern, who placed third in Tuesday's primary, is pictured with his wife, Peg, and supporter Owen Broadhurst. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard

Cohen wins primary...

Rossi places second

Both candidates looking to November 6th

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Primary Elections were held for mayor in Agawam on Tuesday and the official counts were 2,104 votes for Mayor Richard A. Cohen; 1,140 votes for Robert E. Rossi; 702 votes for Robert A. Magovern, 21 votes for Peter Monahan.

Cohen led the votes with 53 percent, Rossi had 29 percent, and Magovern with 17 percent of the votes to be eliminated from the November 6th general election.

Before the official votes were in for the Primary Elections Tuesday evening, the *Advertiser News* spoke with Cohen about his future aspirations as

Mayor at a happy post-primary party at Celebrations! in Feeding Hills Center.

"The next step is to win the election if I am re-elected," Cohen said. "The town is working on many projects."

Two major projects Cohen talked about were the continuing expansion of the Senior Center and acquiring a site for a new Department of Public Works garage.

"I would also like to maintain the economic conditions and concentrate more on the fiscal responsibilities in the town," Cohen said.

Cohen said he would focus on the financial aspects of the town by producing and maintaining a smart and reasonable budget.

"The focus of my campaign is to be able to continue moving forward," Cohen said. "In the past, I asked residents to choose a fresh, new face as their mayor and I hope to continue as their mayor in the town."

The *Agawam Advertiser* was also able to speak to both Robert E. Rossi and Robert A. Magovern regarding the Primary Election.

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TOWN COUNCILOR ROBERT ROSSI, who came in second in Tuesday's primary, is pictured with his niece, Jennifer Lomelino (center) and his sister, Marie Nardi, after election results were announced. In right photo: School Committee member Linda Galarneau and her husband, Tony, at Phelps School. Advertiser News photos by Kay Saltmarsh and Kathy Shepard.

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"I am quite disappointed with the low turnout of voters," Town Councilor Robert E. Rossi said. "I would've liked to have seen more people voting in the town of Agawam."

There are 17,432 registered voters in the town of Agawam and approximately 30,000 residents as of 2001, according to Theroux. Approximately 4,000 residents voted, or about 25 percent.

Rossi said he wants to focus on restoring the people of Agawam.

"I have been a lifelong resident of this community and I want to preserve and protect the resident's rights," Rossi said. "I want to look at zoning laws, education, health care and the budget."

Rossi said he wants to look more closely at the Agawam School System and make sure the students are being challenged. "I want to create a conducive environment to learning and teaching. I expect to work closely with the school administration."

In regards to Agawam's budget, Rossi said, "Everyone should be on the same page and the process needs to be streamlined and there should direct accountability! I want to be the type of mayor that demonstrates clearly that I have the residents' concerns in my mind," Rossi said. "I want to be open and visible in the community and hardworking for the residents in Agawam."

Rossi went on to say that in the past he's witnessed officials who weren't concerned with people's needs, rather their focus on government and politics. "I want

to shift my focus to the people of Agawam," Rossi said. "We need to get back to 'we the people, for the people and by the people.' I am very happy to be where I am!" Rossi concluded. "I clearly think there is work to be done and I intend to work hard and get my message out to the people."

Magovern also commented on the primary and said, "First, I want to thank everyone who worked on my campaign. They were all a good group of workers."

"I feel some issues never came out during the campaigns because the Agawam voters don't understand the problems that lie in town," Magovern said. "Mayor Cohen has been dishonest with the residents of Agawam."

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Cohen announces additional ambulance service to the town

Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced that the Town of Agawam and Firefighters Local 1973 have reached an agreement which will provide for full-time ambulance service from the Feeding Hills Fire Station.

Effective October 14, 2001, this additional ambulance service will supplement the already-operating ambulance service from Fire Headquarters on Main Street.

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Magovern said the facts are that taxes will be higher in January and that there has not been one new business in the town in the last year. "The Mayor will reassess every property in Agawam to pay for his great ideas," Magovern said.

As a result, Magovern said the cost will increase to run our town government. "My philosophy is, I would rather to have tried and failed then to never had tried at all," Magovern said. "But we [the town of Agawam] do have problems ahead."

When asked what he wants to accomplish if re-elected, Cohen told us, "I want to see many projects continue."

For example, Cohen spoke about the South End Bridge project and how this affects the residents of Agawam with concerns to traffic frustrations. "I would also like to continue to clean up Main Street traffic with the cooperation of Six Flags Amusement Park," Cohen said. "We have reduced traffic in that area and we will continue to do so with the assistance of the PWED (Public Works Economic Development) grant."

Cohen explained the PWED grant is a state grant designed for highways and roads and the town of Agawam was granted a \$1.2 million PWED grant to use this year.

Mayor Cohen said, "This Memorandum of Understanding is the result of lengthy negotiations by both the Mayor and the Firefighters to achieve this expanded service. This is a win-win situation for all the residents of Agawam. Additionally, the Town Council unanimously supported an ambulance for Feeding Hills."

"I look forward to not only the continuation, but the increase of our extremely competent and professional ambulance service for the Town," said Cohen.

Cohen said he wants to see the town move forward in a positive direction with recreation in regards to the School Street Property project that will allow for bike paths, more side walks and road improvements.

Other areas Cohen said he would like to stay focused on are the Agawam High School library and Agawam Public Library construction, as well as the continued progression of education in the Agawam School System.

"We now have weekly trash pick-up for the residents of Agawam," Cohen said. "I want to have a positive effect on people's every day lives here in the town of Agawam."

In addition to all these projects and more, Cohen said he is proud of his accomplishment in Feeding Hills, regarding the addition of an ambulance. "Within the year, I would also like to have another fire truck in town," Cohen stated. "

"All the hard work paid off and I will continue to work harder to fulfill the needs of the residents in Agawam," Cohen said. "I think what makes this campaign special is the mixture of ages and all their contributions. My campaign also involves a family atmosphere and in the next four weeks, the voters will tell it all. I am proud to be Agawam's Mayor (in the Primary Election)!" Cohen concluded.

Cohen announces weekly curbside solid waste collection

Mayor Richard A. Cohen wishes to remind Agawam residents that the municipal curbside solid waste collections for rubbish are continuing on a weekly basis year-round.

The Town was able to put this improved rubbish collection service in place with the new contract with BFI that went into effect July 1, 2001.

The printed 2001 schedules do not reflect this expanded service that was negotiated mid-year.

Bi-weekly collection of recyclables and other collection services are unchanged.

The Mayor said he is pleased to bring these enhanced services to the homeowners of Agawam.

This service was added due to the numerous requests by the residents.

DPW announces last date for water connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 26, 2001 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 2002.

This notices does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

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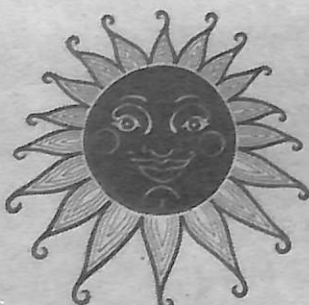
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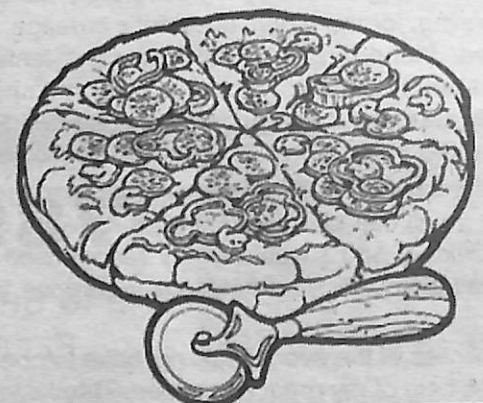
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Guest editorial...

We must and we will stop terrorism now

by George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

I can't stay idle - even as a citizen and as a public elected official of a very small city like ours - and not express my pleasure and support of the actions that our President took against the terrorist-supported Taliban regime in Afghanistan. They supported, harbored, and encouraged the terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and his criminals that killed thousands of innocent people in New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania.

They deserve what they're getting. Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire to stop it. We're just doing that now. The strong military actions and the covert operations is the only language that these people understand.

We must stand and continue to stand united behind our President and our Armed Forces. We must sup-

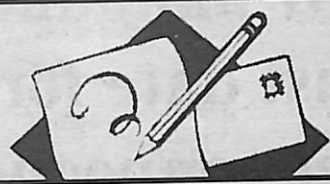
port them as long as it takes to eliminate those terrorist groups and their military machine in any part of the world. The world must know that America is united and speaks in one voice from the smallest town to the biggest city, and we will not hesitate to use the strongest military actions if we are attacked again by any terrorist group or any terrorist-supported regime.

The Osama bin Laden terrorist organization - with the support of the oppressive Taliban regime - is responsible for taking thousands of innocent lives on September 11th. They not only took their lives, but also destroyed the lives of thousands of wives, husbands, children, fathers, mothers, relatives, and friends. We will never forget what happened on September 11th, and we will never forgive those responsible for it.

The President's strong military actions will show the world that the United States government and all the American people will not allow any terrorist actions to go unpunished. The terrorists and the countries that support them will have to face the mighty fist of the United States of America. We must and we will stop terrorism now.

We have the power, the will, the knowledge, the unity, and the civilized world on our side. We will not allow a group of terrorists to change our way of life. We will not and we must not be fearful of them. We will win the war against terrorism this time.

As our President said, "Peace and freedom will prevail." God bless and guide our troops, and God bless America!



Letters To The Editor

Youth Football thanks Mike Piccin & DPW grounds crews

To the Editor:

We would like to thank Michael Piccin, Ralph Myers, Bill Dowd, Gary Hare, Chet Majka, and Todd Servis for their extra efforts in assisting us in installing our new street sign, scoreboard, and flagpole.

In addition, I would like to recognize them for their weekly efforts in maintaining the field. Without their help, we would not be able to construct and maintain an excellent field and facility to make Agawam proud.

Very truly yours,

Frank Liberti, President
Philip C. Scoville, Treasurer

Ruth Bitzas says thanks to committee and community

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for helping make our fundraiser a great success. I don't think we ever saw the American Legion Post 185 hall look more beautiful. It was an "out to dinner setting," decorated in patriotic colors.

Close to 300 people enjoyed the dinner of meatballs and ziti and fruit cup, tossed salad, fresh rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and punch, along with cake and cookies for dessert and a special treat of Greek cookies made by my sister-in-law, Soula Bitzas.

My heartfelt thank you to all who took the time out of their busy lives to come out to show their support for my candidacy for a position on the Agawam City Council. Truly, I didn't expect such a crowd, but am very appreciative to you for coming out to share the evening.

Kudos for the great job by my campaign manager, Mary Manning, for the beautiful patriotic corsage, and to my dear friend, Jackie Morgan, for the fantastic picnic basket chock full of food and gifts that she so graciously assembled and donated. We earned \$350 from the raffle.

Our appreciation to "Tina," the banquet manager at Post 185 for all that she did to help us. She's a wonderful individual and I would highly recommend the Legion Hall to you for your functions. Everyone is so helpful.

The success of the event could not have happened without the help of my great committee. Thanks to my treasurer and son, Gary Fields, and his wife, Michelle; my daughter, Lynne Stapleton, and her husband, Tom Stapleton; Russ Morgan, my son, Kurt Fields, and Joanne Agnoli; cashiers, Emile Cote and Peggy Brown. Thanks, Peggy, for donating the delicious fruit cups that everyone enjoyed so much.

Thank you, too, to Lou Russo for your help on the committee. Lou had meatballs donated and purchased some himself for the event. I appreciate all of you!

I'm so proud and thankful to my grandson, Christopher Fields, and my granddaughter, Nicole Fields, who is a junior at Agawam High, and her classmates that came to help clear tables to allow more seating.

Last, but not least, was our chef, my husband, Harry, who did all the cooking. There was a stream of happy diners going to the kitchen to congratulate him on the tasty dinner. So many said it was the best pasta dinner they have had. He was the hero of the evening and he's my love as well!!

A man and wife came over from West Springfield for the dinner. Tom Walsh said he had never met me, but heard so many good things about the work I've done for veterans in the Commonwealth that he wanted to meet me. That made my day.

Former Mayor Johnson, in a critique of my work, once wrote, "Ruth loves what she does and it shows."

More information on my views and plans to address certain issues that face the town will be forthcoming. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT!

Ruth C. Bitzas

Candidate for Agawam City Council

Congratulations to Ed Borgatti, Jr. & staff of E.B's

To the Editor:

Congratulations are in order for Eddie Borgatti, Jr. and his staff. Last Saturday, I was on my way to work, only to be stopped for a good 30 minutes.

During that 30 minutes, I had the privilege of watching the runners of the "Run in the Park," a fundraiser re-created by Ed Borgatti, Jr. Six Flags was the host and the proceeds of the race were to benefit

Easter Seals. It was heartfelt to see the gentleman running while pushing his little child in the carriage, and the gentleman running with an artificial leg, not affected by his disability at all.

Of course, you had your people yelling out the window to get the traffic moving and the horns were honking for the wrong reasons. Perhaps they should join the run and let out their anger.

Next time, instead of becoming frustrated that traffic is stopped, analyze why and enjoy the people working for a good cause. Next year, let's line the streets and cheer these people on. Good job, Ed!!

Lori Andruss-Boyle
Feeding Hills

Coun. Bitzas deserves credit for work on ambulance

To the Editor:

My husband and I were elated to read in the Union News that an ambulance would be a permanent fixture at the Springfield Street station starting October 14th.

My thanks to Mayor Richard A. Cohen and the City Council for realizing the necessity for such service in Feeding Hills, but most of all, we wish to publicly thank COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS for listening to my plea for help.

You see, on July 24th, my husband suffered a heart attack and needed an ambulance and again the following week, had another emergency involving his heart, and had to have the ambulance again. The Fire Department and EMT's who responded did a great job and we thank them all so much, but unfortunately, time is very important in all emergency situations and the response time left a little to be desired.

It was a week or two later that I saw Councilor Bitzas at Partner's Restaurant and approached him to ask his help in bringing to the attention of the City Council and townspeople the urgent need that I had

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witnessed first-hand of having to wait extra precious minutes to have an ambulance sent from Main Street. Councilor Bitzas assured me he would bring this to the attention of the Council and would write a resolution.

I have chosen to write this letter now because I feel that because I asked Councilor Bitzas to help bring up the need of the ambulance in Feeding Hills, he is being criticized by several townspeople. How very negative and narrow-minded can people be that because he brought up the subject at this time, he should be accused of it being a "political move."

I can assure you, I have not seen anything in the paper telling me that the firefighter's union has been negotiating with the Mayor about an ambulance prior to July 24, 2001. Also, until you personally need an ambulance, not once, but twice in a week, are you aware of the situation.

I would like to apologize to Councilor Bitzas for the harassment he is enduring from some of his fellow councilors and Karl Schmaelzle in regards to filing this resolution on my behalf. I have not spoken out before now because I was awaiting the outcome of the decision.

Now that the decision has been made, I feel it necessary to clear the air. Thank you, again, Councilor Bitzas for taking the time to listen to my concerns and for bringing the resolution before the council at a time in our life when it made such a difference to us. This will certainly benefit many citizens of Feeding Hills and will also help the Fire Department and EMT's on their duties with a quicker response time when the precious minutes are of life and death situations.

Sincerely,

Pat Lalancette
Ron Lalancette
Feeding Hills

Shriners' Flag Day ceremony provides a lesson in patriotism

To the Editor:

Last June, my family had the privilege to be a guest at the Shriners' Flag Day ceremony. My daughter and two other peers were chosen as the winners of a poem contest about the American flag. I was very honored to be a part of this day. The ceremony itself

was special, and each guest was presented a memorable gift.

I was moved to hear my daughter and the two other girls recite their poems with knowledge and pride of the flag. The moment continued as the uniformed men of Shriners marched in format with the flag, while another guest spoke of the meaning of each fold of the flag as they folded. I had never heard what the symbolic meaning was until that day. It went as follows:

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country for in the words of Stephen DeCatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The sixth fold is where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been modeled.
- The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The 11th fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the Seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God

of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost (www.flag.org/fold.flag).

This comes late, but not forgotten, as a thank-you to the devoted men and women at Shriners who devote their time and resources to a great cause. Not only to the work at the Shriners Hospital, but also for the tradition and ceremony held each Flag Day at the Temple.

Also, a special thanks to Harry Durant, who was personally involved in organizing the poem contest for the Shriners, and took the time to meet with my daughter at our home.

Sincerely,
Michele Morris
Feeding Hills

Give credit where credit is due when it comes to library

To the Editor:

The expansion of the AGAWAM LIBRARY is due to the diligent work of DONNA CAMPBELL and former Mayor CHRIS JOHNSON.

Donna did the Building Study, made any necessary changes, and was the driving force for the expansion. She submitted the applications for grants. The Library Association paid for the plans. Chris Johnson negotiated with the architect and signed plans.

With the combined efforts of DONNA CAMPBELL and CHRIS JOHNSON, their dreams were realized!!

Priscilla Peterson
Agawam

Cohen supporters causing dangerous distraction in FH

To the Editor:

Alan R. Cohen's letter in last week's AAN gave five good reasons why there are no Cohen lawn signs. Reason #4 read as follows: "While many signs have been placed on tree belts illegally, Mayor Cohen will not violate city ordinances."

That's fine, but Mayor Cohen's supporters do something much worse with signs, in my opinion.

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They stand on the four corners of the intersection in Feeding Hills Center, holding their signs and waving at vehicles passing through the intersection.

This intersection is dangerous enough when drivers are concentrating fully on their driving. Waving at drivers distracts them from keeping their eyes on the road. This is especially true for cars turning at the intersection.

Alan Cohen should examine his own cocksure attitude about Mayor Cohen's practices before he accuses other candidates of improperly using lawn signs.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

Anthony Bonavita deserves to be re-elected to City Council

To the Editor:

Two years ago, when Anthony Bonavita became a candidate for election to the City Council, I made the decision to assist his committee in aiding him to achieve that goal.

My confidence in Anthony was not misplaced and I am again pleased to endorse him for re-election as a City Councilor. He has the enviable record of 100 percent attendance at council meetings and I applaud him for this accomplishment.

Anthony has an impartial interest in issues facing the council's agenda and is always willing to listen to opposing views before reaching a decision. He is available to his constituents and devotes many hours in researching so that he is thoroughly prepared when council meetings convene.

We need men like Anthony Bonavita on the City Council. Please join me in electing him to serve us again.

Very truly yours,
Ellie Richards
Agawam

In praise of Agawam's EMTs, firemen, and police officers

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and gratefulness to the Agawam Fire Department, EMTs, and Police Department.

Last month, I had a serious medical emergency which required immediate medical attention. Within minutes of my son dialing 911, Agawam fire, police, and EMTs arrived at my home and began addressing my emergency. After surgery and a lot of rest, I am feeling much better and am on my way to a full recovery.

Once again, I wanted to thank Agawam's public safety team for their immediate response and their professionalism.

Very truly yours,
Dorothy Drownowski and family

Agawam Little League has best season in recent memory

To the Editor:

A Letter from the President:

Another Little League Baseball season has come to an end. I am proud to say that by all accounts, this past season was the most successful in recent memory. League enrollment increased by over 10 percent; the playing fields and practice facilities were in the best conditions ever; the caliber of play and level of competition was outstanding; and our tournament teams were very successful, proudly representing Agawam wherever they played.

After the regular season, many of our kids continued to play in tournament teams throughout the summer. Agawam Little League sponsored several tournament teams of varying age groups, which proudly represented Agawam in tournaments throughout Western Massachusetts, winning several tournaments in the process.

We are, of course, extremely proud of our 11/12 All-Star Tournament Team, which competed for the privilege to appear in the Little League World Series. This year's outstanding group of players (elected by the players in the league as well as the head coach-

es and assistant coaches) won the District Championship with an undefeated record of five wins and no losses. After outstanding play in the State Tournament, Agawam was finally defeated prior to advancing to the state championship round. The 2001 team advanced further than any other team in Agawam Little League's 50-plus years of history, and (in the process) received significant local TV and newspaper coverage.

In addition to the team's accomplishments, I am also extremely proud of the kids' work ethic, exemplary conduct, and character - this is a terrific group of young men.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our league officers, coaches, volunteers, and parents for their commitment to the kids and our league and an outstanding season. I must also thank and recognize the many sponsors who provide the support necessary to allow Agawam Little League to flourish as it has. This is a loyal group of local businesses and organizations whose generous contribution allows us to provide our kids with first-class baseball facilities. Please read our ad on Page 32 of this week's *Advertiser News* to see our list of sponsors, and be sure to patronize these businesses.

Hope to see you next year.

Ted Kopyscinski
Agawam Little League President

Conservation Committee Chairman in support of CPA

To the Editor:

On this year's ballot, there is the question of whether or not the Town of Agawam should partici-

pate in the Community Preservation Act. I will vote YES!

As a member of the Agawam Conservation Committee for 30 years, I have seen how development has overtaken the Town of Agawam. There is no basic plan by the developers to leave open space for playgrounds as well as to retain the characteristics of our town. Many farms have been lost to development. Fortunately, when the present town golf course was subdivided to become a large housing development, the developers went bankrupt, allowing the town to buy the land at auction.

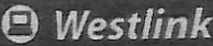
The approval of the Community Preservation Act would increase taxes one percent, representing a cost of about \$16 to \$22 a year (depending on your tax bill). This tax money could only be spent on the following town projects: historical preservation, elderly housing, recreation, and conservation. Any project would require approval of the Town Council. The state would match up to 100 percent of the money collected.

Regarding development rights, farmers could have the state buy development rights. The town cost would be 10 percent. However, since the town has not as yet come up with its share, we could lose some of our farms in the next few years unless the town can pay its share.

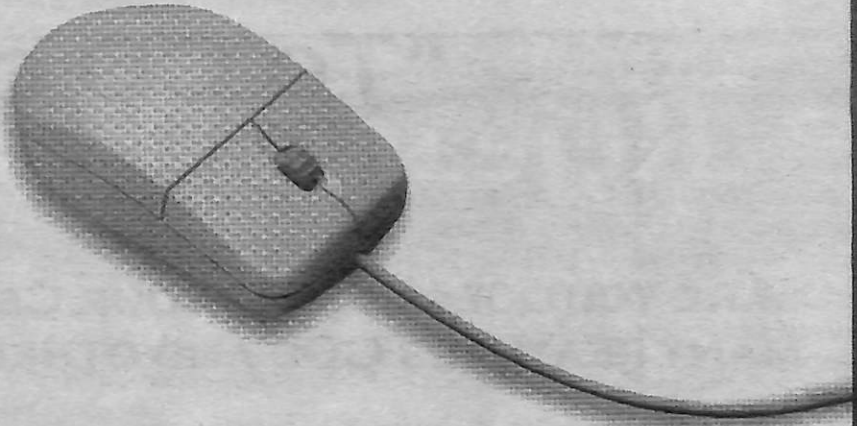
The passage of the Community Preservation Act would allow the town to fund such a program. In addition, if the School Street project is to go forward, this tax money would decrease the time and cost to develop the site. The School Street project is recreation for all the citizens of Agawam.

This Community Preservation Act would allow the

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Gina M. Letellier announces bid for re-election

Agawam City Council President, Attorney Gina M. Letellier, is pleased to announce her intention to seek another term as City Councilor. "I have had the honor and privilege of representing my fellow citizens on the City Council for the last four years and I again ask you for your support and vote. This year, I have had the additional honor of being elected, unanimously, to the presidency of the Council.

"Since my first campaign, I have vowed to be 'your councilor' and I believe I have kept that promise. Whenever I vote on an issue, I always consider whether the proposal is in the best interests of Agawam and its citizens. If not, I have not shied away from asking questions and demanding answers and even postponing votes until all necessary information is available. I believe it is better to do something right, not just to do it quickly.

"I am extremely proud that under my leadership as council president, the council delayed a vote on the new fire truck until we could be assured that the safety of both citizens and firefighters was the primary consideration. As a result of the questions we asked, combined with the courage to wait for the right answers, we were able to ensure the safety of the firefighters and residents by increasing minimum staffing and returning the ambulance to Feeding Hills. Additionally, I was the only councilor to accompany Deputy Fire Chief Martin to the Fire Apparatus show to determine whether the fire truck proposed was in the best interests of Agawam.

"Another example of my vow to be 'your councilor' was evidenced when the time came to choose a councilor to replace Councilor Kent Servis, whose tragic

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citizens of Agawam to preserve our historical buildings, increase housing for the elderly, increase recreational facilities, and preserve our farms. This would be our legacy to the future generations of Agawam.

Henry A. Kozloski
Chairman of the Agawam Conservation
Committee



CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GINA LETELLIER

and untimely death left a vacancy on the council. After numerous deadlocked votes, the then-council president stated that he was delaying the vote to replace Councilor Servis and opening the process up to citizens who were to write a letter of interest and address the council at Citizen's Speak Time. Many individuals followed his instructions, writing letters and appearing at Citizen's Speak Time.

"At the last minute, when he found out the tie was broken, the then-council president revoked his prior statement and called for a vote. I was the only councilor to speak out against his last minute change and in favor of the individuals who had expressed interest in the open seat. I was also the only councilor to abstain from voting as I believed the process was unfair.

"In the coming weeks before the election, I will share with you my vision for the coming council term. Thank you, again, for your support. I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of Agawam. I will be having a fundraising dinner on October 30th. I hope to see you there."

If you wish to volunteer on election day or would like a lawn sign, or want to make a financial contribution, please call 786-4723 or 739-2112. Thank you.

If you wish to put a "Letter To The Editor" in The Agawam Advertiser News, the letter must have your signature, street address, and phone number. However, we will not publish your street address or phone number.

Councilor John Negrucci names campaign comm.

John Negrucci, candidate for re-election to the Agawam City Council, has named his committee members for the upcoming election.

Negrucci stated, "To run a campaign is not a small endeavor. I thank the following members of my committee who have devoted their time and energy to my re-election: chairperson F. William Euliano, Jr.; treasurer Dawn Uschmann; and members Cindi Negrucci, Mary Negrucci, Leah Griffin, Susan Euliano, and Scott Negrucci."

He concluded, "There are many issues confronting us not only as a community, but as a nation. Public service today, at any level, remains a very special privilege and honor. I hope that I am deserving of your vote on Election Day, November 6th. Anyone wishing to help in the campaign, please call me at 789-2887 or Billy Euliano at 786-0441."

Lawn signs available for Councilor Young

Lawn signs are now available for Town Councilor Robert M. Young.

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Campaign 2001...

Councilor Anthony Bonavita offers qualifications to Agawam voters

Anthony C. Bonavita, Agawam City Councilor, is seeking re-election to his second term on the City Council.

Bonavita stated, "In my re-election campaign, I again offer my qualifications to the voters. My qualifications are based upon my life experience, which includes family, employment, and service to the community."

Bonavita is 48 years-old and married to Adele Bonavita. Together, they have two children, Carlo and Franca, with whom they reside at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam. Both children graduated from Agawam High School and now attend college.

Further, Bonavita has been an Attorney for over 23 years. He is a former Town Solicitor (attorney) for the Town of Agawam. Also, he is a former youth soccer and youth basketball coach. Bonavita is a member and a past president of the Agawam Lions Club.

He further explained, "I have enjoyed my first term on the City Council. It has been a positive experience, and I believe the council has worked hard for the citi-

zens of Agawam. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve and contribute to the overall professionalism of this council. While we have not always agreed on issues, our debates have been open and professional.

"My City Council subcommittee assignments have been interesting and informative. I serve as chairperson of the City Council Rules Subcommittee, and as a member of the School Budget, Recreation, Zoning Review, and Industrial Relations Subcommittees. This work requires straightforward analysis and open discussion.

"I have been up to the task and have acted in a responsible and professional manner. Sometimes it required working with other Councilors to achieve a common goal, and other times it was reaching a consensus out of a difference of opinions. I feel that my life experience has assisted me in performing my duties as a City Councilor. I will continue to be a positive voice for Agawam." Bonavita concluded, "I respectfully ask for your support for re-election."

Committee to re-elect George Bitzas plans October 17th fundraiser

The committee to re-elect George Bitzas is pleased to announce that a fundraising event has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The committee and the Bitzas family cordially invite you and your family to come and support George's re-election bid to the City Council.

Coffee, tea, juice, and pastries will be served.

Tickets are \$10 per family and will be available at the door. If you are unable to attend and you would like to contribute to the campaign, please send checks to The Committee to Re-elect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

George Bitzas announces bid for re-election

(Continued from last week)

OPEN SPACES

Initiated town efforts to purchase Agawam Municipal Golf Course so as to preserve open space and bring revenue to our town.

Co-sponsored a resolution seeking the return of the Holyoke County land in Agawam to Agawam.

Gathered over **700** of our townspeople signatures on a petition and urged the Governor and state legislature to support the transfer of **250** acres of land in our town from Hampden County.

Working with the administration on the Recreation Master Plan for the School Street/River Road site athletic fields and recreation area for all ages.

VETERANS

Sponsored a resolution and rally to protest closing of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. **Introduced a resolution** supporting a constitutional amendment prohibiting flag desecration.

Supported and voted in favor of property tax exemption for veteran organizations, such as the VFW and the American Legion.

Co-sponsored a resolution supporting acceptance of the donation of 57 acres for the Veterans' Cemetery. Started and circulated a petition throughout Western Massachusetts, asking the legislators in Boston to appropriate money to have the cemetery building in Agawam.

Six Flags

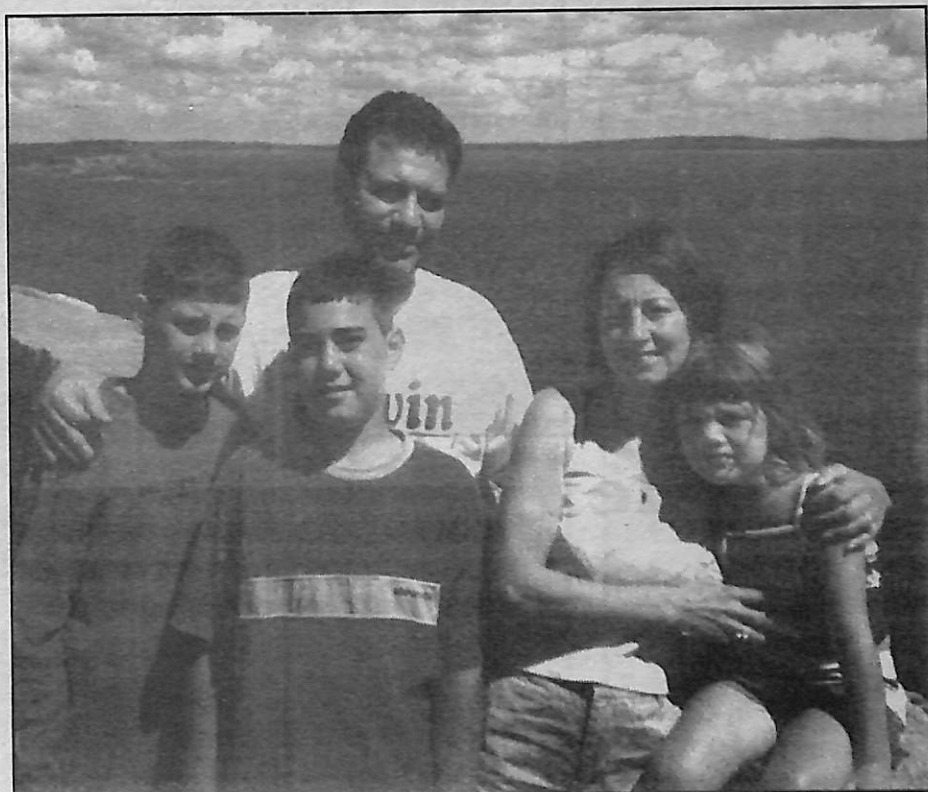
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Committee To Re-Elect Joseph Mineo / Thomas Denardo, Campaign Manager

Campaign 2001...

GEORGE BITZAS - from Page 8

Worked with Six Flags officials to find ways and take action to ease the traffic problems on Main St. and River Road.

Sponsored a resolution with the Beautification Committee to support the construction of an ornamental bridge at Six Flags to help ease the traffic problems.

Worked with the Beautification Committee and Six Flags officials in designing the bridge, the ornamental post lights, and the landscaping.

OTHER

Opposed so-called adult entertainment/nude dancing bars from coming into town.

The first town official to oppose siting of a casino in Agawam or in our surrounding communities.

Petitioned the state to require beer keg registration to discourage sale to minors.

Supported an ordinance to prohibit gambling/video machines in our town.

Repeatedly called for and helped bring respect and dignity to our town meeting.

Co-sponsored a resolution to have the mayor, the council president, and other members to review the council agenda prior to our regular meetings for better understanding and communication.

"I am a graduate of Westfield State College and taught at the West Springfield Junior and Senior High Schools. Today, I am principal of the afternoon Greek School at St. George's Cathedral in Springfield. I am also an interior designer for **Stickley** in Enfield, Connecticut.

"I am married to Peggy Conroy Bitzas and we have three children; two sons, graduates of the Agawam School System, and a daughter in the Agawam High School.

"I would like to thank all of the people of Agawam for their support. I pledge to you again that I will continue to work hard with honesty, integrity, and common sense," said Bitzas, "to bring Agawam forward in the 21st century."

If you would like to help or join the committee to re-elect George Bitzas to the City Council, please call Peggy at 789-1464. If you would like to send a contribution for the campaign, any amount would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be mailed to The Committee to Re-elect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

Roberta G. Doering seeks re-election to Agawam School Committee

Agawam School Committee member Roberta G. Doering of River Road, Agawam, is running for re-election on November 6th. In a statement released this week, she said, "I believe in our Agawam Public School education, and I believe that local governance of our schools by School Committees is the public's best assurance that policy setting, curriculum development, fiscal planning, and district management are reflective of the needs of our local community. "As a School Committee member," continued Mrs. Doering, "we act on behalf of the citizens of Agawam to ensure that our public schools educate each and every child to the fullest of her or his potential. We have the difficult task of providing good education and, at the same time, making sure the tax dollars allocated for education are wisely spent. But we cannot forget that in the business of running the schools, the final product is the student.

"The initiatives we are working on this year, in addition to our goals and objectives, are preparing our students for the MCAS tests; the renovation of the High School library so it will be an up-to-date library and media center; addressing the final items for our High School accreditation; and full-day kindergarten in all of our elementary schools.

"My expectations are that students will work to fulfill their potential academically and that they will contribute to the life of the school community. I also hope that our schools, working with parents and members of the community, are contributing towards making students to be caring, respectful individuals; to be sensitive to the well-being of others; to have integrity; to value the worth of every person, including themselves; and to be accountable for their behavior and obligations.

"I also expect we are equipping our students with the tools for learning - the ability to read, write, communicate, and comprehend. Also, to turn out young women and men with a broad view of history; an understanding of mathematics and science; and a



ROBERTA DOERING

sense of the economic, social, and legal issues which affect life today.

"As we move forward in the 21st century, we must plan for the future and be prepared to address the new realities of a global world that all of our young and old will have to deal with. I think we might look at our civic education; we want our students to be good citizens in a Democratic society."

Mrs. Doering concluded, "I consider it a privilege to be a member of the Agawam School Committee. I am confident that I have the experience and qualifications to continue serving the people of Agawam on the School Committee, and would like the support of the voters in the upcoming election."

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Campaign 2001...



TERESA KOZLOSKI

Teresa Kozloski seeks re-election to School Committee

In a press release issued this week, Agawam School Committee member Teresa Kozloski stated, "This is my 11th year on the Agawam School Committee, and I have as much enthusiasm and commitment toward making our school system the best ever as I had when I first was elected."

"The focus of our attention is the child, the student, the young adult who must be given the opportunities to do the best he/she can during the years in our school system. This includes committed and competent administrators and teachers, appropriate programs to meet their needs, and a budget that includes adequate supplies. My responsibility is to ensure that each child has these opportunities."

She continued, "During the years, improvements have come, some faster than others. Class sizes are smaller, especially in elementary grades. More teachers have been hired bringing in new ideas and new energy. The mentoring program encourages our experienced teachers to pass on their expertise to the new professionals. The K-12 curriculum is undergoing intense scrutiny to ensure that it follows state frameworks. Assessment tools, whether the MCAS tests or local testing, are continually being monitored by our professionals. With the completion of the enlarged high school library, we are assured of receiving the necessary accreditation."

"Through researching and questioning, I try to learn as much as possible. The climate at our School Committee meetings must be such as to let the people know what is happening in our school system. I try to be responsible and fair in my judgment whether we are discussing academic or fiscal problems."

"In light of our country's recent tragic events, we reaffirm even more how valuable all our children are. We realize that a healthy school environment is one that is not only safe and clean, but also free of drugs, smoking, harassment, and bullying. Through the years, I have been proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. With your vote, I hope to continue my work. You can let me know your thoughts and concerns by either calling me at 786-6934 or e-mailing me at vedany@mediaone.net," concluded Mrs. Kozloski.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

Thank you.

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AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT YOUNG (second from left) with his campaign committee (from left): Dana Henry, Joe Calabrese (co-chairman), former City Councilor Gary Geiger (co-chairman), along with Young's two sons, Brent and Brooks.

Council VP Robert Young announces campaign committee

Agawam City Council Vice-President Robert M. Young has announced his campaign committee for his re-election campaign: Gary Geiger (co-chairman), Joe Calabrese (co-chairman), Karla Mancini Young (treasurer), Lynne Calabrese, Joey Calabrese, Edward M. Conner, Lynne Geiger, Dana & Lynne Henry, Gary & Joann Spear, and Danielle Wellner.

Councilor Young stated, "I am truly honored to have been chosen by the citizens of Agawam to lead the community over the past four years. It is very gratifying to have a great team of friends and town leaders supporting me."

Young's campaign chairmen are no strangers to Agawam. Gary Geiger, former City Councilor and

long-time youth football and wrestling coach, graduated from Agawam High School in 1979. He is a district manager for Friendly's Corporation.

Joe Calabrese and his family are also lifelong residents of Agawam. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1980, and is a director in the Investment Systems Division at David L. Babson Company (a subsidiary of MassMutual Financial Group in Springfield).

Young added, "If anyone would like more information, would like to help on the campaign, or would like a lawn sign, please contact me at 786-8995 or any member of my committee."

Coun. George Bitzas a strong supporter of town's veterans

"During my years serving as your City Councilor, I have always been a strong supporter of our veterans," said Councilor George Bitzas in a campaign statement.

"I believe we should help and honor those who have served our country. I vigorously supported and lobbied for an increase in the property tax exemption for veterans' organizations. Now, the American Legion and the VFW are fully tax-exempt. When the state tried to close the Soliders' Home in Holyoke, I sponsored a resolution opposing the closing," said Bitzas.

"I also helped to organize a large rally in Boston where we lobbied the state government to support our veterans and their issues. I co-sponsored a resolution supporting acceptance of the donation of 57 acres of land to be used as a veterans' cemetery here in Agawam."

"When I learned there were some problems in Boston concerning the appropriate place for a cemetery, I began circulating a petition throughout Western Massachusetts, encouraging the legislature in Boston to build the cemetery here in our community. Hundreds of citizens signed the petition and convinced the legislature to appropriate the money for the cemetery in Agawam. Thanks to the hard work of many local and state officials, our veterans' cemetery is now here."



COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS

"I was very proud and honored to be chosen a few years ago by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts American Legion as the **Outstanding Foreign Born Citizen**. I received this award for supporting veterans and their causes at a ceremony in Auburn, Massachusetts."

"As your councilor, I will continue to support the veterans and their issues. I feel it is our duty and privilege as citizens to appreciate and actively sustain our fellow countrymen who have given so much of themselves for us. Please vote on November 6th. I would greatly appreciate your vote," Bitzas concluded.

Campaign 2001...

Rosemary Sandlin announces re-election for School Committee

Rosemary Sandlin has announced her candidacy for a seat on the Agawam School Committee. "Public education is my passion, my avocation, and my way of serving the children, parents, and all the residents of Agawam," stated Ms. Sandlin. "I have long held the concept that if you provide the best teachers, a safe and nurturing environment, and up-to-date books and technology that our public schools will flourish. Parents and students need strong leadership at the School Committee level to ensure that all children are treated fairly and responsibly; that established policies are adhered to, and administrated appropriately."

Ms. Sandlin currently serves on the Technology Committee, High School Scheduling Committee, and is the incoming President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. She has participated on local, state, and national panels dealing with student health, student physical activity, and several educational panels. This year in her role as President-elect of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, she chaired the Resolution Committee.

Ms. Sandlin is the mother of four children (all educated in the Agawam Public Schools) and three grandsons (currently attending Springfield Public Schools). She is currently finishing her bachelor of science degree in public policy and administration at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.



ROSEMARY SANDLIN

"I will continue to lead the fight for more full-time kindergarten opportunities for those parents who want this developmental opportunity for their children; I will be an advocate for all children of Agawam; and promise to work for safe schools where bullying is not tolerated," stated Ms. Sandlin.

She would like to hear your views, suggestions, and would encourage you to contact her with your ideas. Ms. Sandlin is currently the Chief of Staff to Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian.

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Dan looks forward to seeing you at the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite.

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- Agawam Obituaries -

WILLIAM G. BOILARD

William G. Boilard, 79, a retired president of A. Boilard Sons, Inc., died recently at his Agawam home. Born June 27, 1922 in Ludlow, he was a proud veteran of World War II, receiving the Purple Heart while serving as a corporal in the 104th Infantry Rgt. 26th "Yankee" Division in France, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia (which included fighting in the Battle of the Bulge).

A communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, he was active throughout his life in area lumberman's organizations, serving on the Board of the Northeast Lumberman's Association. He served the American Red Cross as a licensed ham radio operator for emergency damage control, and was a former member of the Indian Orchard Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. His hobbies included traveling, photography, woodworking, and golf. He was a current resident of North Fort Myers, Florida.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Phyllis (Rogers) Boilard and his children, David of Toledo, Ohio, Timothy of Ludlow, John of Boilard of Palmer, Susan Longhran of Lewiston, NY, and Anne Bonk of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Conrad of Tavares, Florida, and Robert Boilard of Wilbraham; a sister, Lillian Lapine of Hancock, NH; and 11 grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Paul Boilard (who died in 1960), and a brother, Edward Boilard. The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with the Mass at St. John's Church and burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Western New England, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

ROBERT W. CUSSON

Robert W. Cusson, 68, of 257 College Highway, Southwick, and formerly of Agawam, died recently at home. Born in Franklin, MA, he moved to Agawam in 1941 and to Southwick in 1988. He was a retired 16-year machinist for the former Rexcell in Ludlow, retiring in 1995.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean conflict and served on the U.S.S. Stoddard. He was a member of the Southwick Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Post 185 in Agawam, the Southwick Country Club, and a former member of the Edgewood Country Club in Southwick.

He leaves his wife, the former Linda M. DelNegro; two sons, Douglas E. of Texas and Jay R. of Springfield; two daughters, Cynthia J. Cusson of Springfield and Michelle R. Lavallo of Daytona Beach, FL; three sisters, Lucille E. Remington of Agawam and Lorraine H. Paro and Marlene J. Page, both of Feeding Hills; three grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Friday, October 12th, at 12:00 noon at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main Street, with burial with military honors to follow in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours were scheduled for Thursday, October 11th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

FRANK A. GRASSO

Frank A. "Mushy" Grasso, 76, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home. Born in Agawam, he was a well-known and lifelong resident of that town. For over 20 years, he owned and operated Mushy's Recreation Center (Main Street, Agawam), a popular miniature golf, driving range, and restaurant. Previously, he operated the sanitary landfill for the Town of Agawam for 15 years, and operated a paving contractor business with his late brother, Alfred Grasso.

He was a 1943 graduate of Agawam High School; an Army Air Corps veteran; a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church; a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1; the Mawaga Club; and St. Ann's Country Club. He was a licensed helicopter pilot and flew out of the old Bowls Airport. He was often seen sharing conversation and good times with his close friends at the Agawam McDonald's.

He leaves three sisters, Cecilia Rebecchi of Agawam, Margaret White of Virginia Beach, VA, and Mary Scala of Feeding Hills; a nephew, James Scala; six nieces, Janice Bell, Judith Mangiaratti, Cheryl Chevalier, Marilyn Plummer, Cindi Rackliffe, and Pam

Houghton; and 11 great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Alfred Grasso, in 1981; a sister, Tina Grasso, in 1963; and a niece, Nancy Scala, in 2000. The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with Mass at St. John's Church and burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, or the Soldiers' Home of Holyoke, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

ANNA PECIA

Anna Pecia, 101, died recently in Country Estates of Agawam. Born and educated in Poland, she immigrated to the United States and resided in Holyoke for many years, and lived in Agawam for 23 years. She was a skilled seamstress and worked for the Winfield Hat Co. of Holyoke, retiring in 1965.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Pecia, who died in 1978. She leaves two sons, Benny Pecia and Thadeus Pecia, both of Holyoke; two daughters, Helen Slawski of Holyoke and Gina Groom of Agawam; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. The Starzyk Funeral Home, Inc., 16 Maple Street, Holyoke, was in charge of the arrangements. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was held in Mater Dolorosa Church, and the burial was in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, South Hadley. Donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

KATHLEEN M. QUINN

Kathleen M. (Fiorini) Quinn, 52, of 414 Chestnut Street, Springfield, died recently at Mercy Medical Center after a long, chronic, and debilitating illness. Born in Springfield on September 9, 1949, she attended St. Thomas Elementary School in West Springfield and was a 1967 graduate of West Springfield High School.

She worked for 17 years at the former Message Center in Springfield, and previously at the Credit Bureau of Springfield. She also worked for Merit Oil Corporation of Massachusetts in West Springfield, and was a cafeteria worker at Central High School in Springfield. She was an avid member of the pitch club at the Elbow Cafe in Agawam, and pursued Bingo wherever she found a game.

She leaves a brother, John W., and his wife, Gail (Julian) Fiorini, of Stafford Springs, CT; three sisters and their husbands, Suzanne M. and Roger Thibodeau of Lake Wylie, SC, Rosemary A. and Robert Meehan of Feeding Hills, and Ann Marie and Richard Tetreault of Springfield; two nephews, Brandon Fiorini and Robert Tetreault, three nieces, Amber Fiorini, Katie Thibodeau, and Nichole Tetreault; and several cousins. The funeral was held at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. The Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main Street, was in charge of the arrangements. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm St., Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089-1540, or the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

ANTONIETTA SANTANIELLO

Antonietta (Manzi) Santaniello, 86, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born in Mosciano, Province of Avellino, Italy, she lived in Springfield for many years until moving to Feeding Hills several years ago. She was a former member of the Springfield Golden Agers Club and the Springfield Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Luigi Santaniello, died in 1967. She leaves her children, Nunzio Santaniello, Fiorigia Bortolussi, and Marie Veto, all of Palm Coast, FL, Carolina Book of Feeding Hills, and Anna Camiros of East Windsor, CT; a sister in Italy; 17 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at the Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield, followed by a Mass in Mt. Carmel Church and burial in St. Michael's Cemetery (both in Springfield). Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bloomfield St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, or to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

MARY E. SKORUPSKI

Mary E. (Stanley) Skorupski, 57, of 20 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills, died recently in Baystate

Medical Center. Born in Springfield, she lived in that city for many years and was a 1962 graduate of Cathedral High School. She moved to Agawam in 1970.

She had previously worked as a child care technician for Brightside in West Springfield. She was a member of the Starlight Bowling League, a communicant of All Saint's Parish (St. Theresa's Church), and assisted for four years in fundraising for the Rays of Hope Foundation.

She leaves her husband, Stanley H. Skorupski; three sons, Jeffrey W. of Feeding Hills, Scott M. of West Springfield, and Craig S. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Karrie M. Welch of Westfield; and three grandchildren, Devlin T. Welch, Kayleen E. Welch, and Sarah M. Ellis. The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main Street, with a Mass in St. Theresa's Church and burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Donations may be made to the BHS - Rays of Hope Foundation, Box 5141, Springfield, MA 01101.

CAROL L. VAUGHN

Carol L. Vaughn, 74, of Leonard Street, Leeds, died recently at the home of her daughter in Agawam. Born in North Adams on April 10, 1927, she received her education in the North Adams schools and was a graduate of Drury High School. She was employed for over 40 years as a medical transcriptionist. At the time of her retirement in 1991, she was employed by Kaiser Permanente in Amherst.

She leaves a daughter, Susan Vaznis of Agawam; four sons, William Vaughn of Agawam, Edward Jepson of San Francisco, CA, Allan Jepson of Lantana, FL, and Andrew Jepson of Chuluota, FL; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret & James Putnam of Lake Helen, FL; and three nieces. The funeral will be held from the Sherman Burbank Chapel in Williamstown on Friday morning, October 12th, at 11:00 a.m. Friends may call at the George M. Hopkins Funeral Home in Williamstown from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (when the family will be in attendance). Burial will take place at Southview Cemetery in North Adams. Contributions in her memory may be made to either the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Western New England, Inc., or the Agawam Senior Center through the office of the George M. Hopkins Funeral Home, 61-67 Spring Street, Williamstown, MA 01267.

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In Loving Memory of Florence M. Howe

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October 8, 1996

Your gentle face and patient smile, with sadness we recall. You had a kindly word for each, and died beloved by all. The voice is mute and stilled the heart, that loved us well and true. Ah, bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you. You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be. As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee. We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes by we miss you more, your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can take your vacant place.

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Town Council agenda for Oct. 15th regular meeting

Agawam Middle School - 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/1/01.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials, & Remonstrances.
 - (a) Resolutions.
 1. TR-2001-21- A Resolution Appropriating and Authorizing a Loan Order in the Amount of \$750,000 under MGL Ch. 44, Sec. 7 (9) for the Acquisition of an Aerial Platform Fire Truck (Mayor) (2nd Reading).
 2. TR-2001-39- A Resolution Establishing Stop Signs at Various Locations in the Town of Agawam (Mayor).
 3. TR-2001-40- A Resolution Adopting Special Speed Regulation #7804 (South West, Barry & South Westfield Streets) (Mayor).
 4. TR-2001-41- A Resolution Honoring AMICI Italian Day (Coun. Bonavita, Letellier, Negrucci, Mineo).
 7. Report of Council Committees.
 8. Elections.
 - (a)
 1. TE-2001-4- Election of a regular member to the Board of Appeals for an unexpired term, expiring January 1, 2004.
 9. Public Hearings.
 - (a) None.
 10. Old Business.
 - (a)
 1. TOR-2001-5- An Ordinance to Establish Certain Fees in the Park and Recreation Department (Mayor) (1st Read.).
 2. TO-2001-42- Voucher List (\$262.00).
 3. TO-2001-43- Transfer - \$15,000.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Capital Budget - Farmland Preservation (16610-52475) (Mayor).

On Saturday, October 14th...

Rep. Town Comm. to hold breakfast mtg.

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 14th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee or learning more about the functions of the committee are welcome to attend this meeting.

Breakfast reservations may be made by contacting Rita Moore at 786-9094.

All current members will be contacted by phone.

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MARJORIE W. ZIEMBA

Marjorie W. (Strzelecki) Ziemba, 88, of 43 Charest Lane, Agawam, died recently at home. Born in Ware, she lived in Springfield for most of her life. She lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1988. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

Her husband, John J. Ziemba, died in 2000. She leaves three sons, Richard Ziemba of Agawam, Raymond Ziemba of West Springfield, and Gerald Ziemba of Agawam; three daughters, Constance Trela of Springfield and Eleanor Piccin and Elizabeth Atkins, both of Agawam; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Szczebak of Westfield; two sisters, Nellie Hartzel of Dedham and Sylvia Strzelecki of Ware; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Another son, Stephen Szczebak, died in 1982.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main Street, with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Burial took place in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield. Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Veterans' Corner...

Medical benefits for Guardsmen and Reservists

In response to several telephone calls regarding Guardsmen and Reservists being activated and what medical benefits may be available, one of my counterparts from Boston did some research on the Internet and found the following information.

In part, the article states, "Family members of Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for TRICARE benefits the day their military sponsor mobilizes. DOD officials have indicated they intend initially to call up about 35,000."

Honorable Service Lapel Pin

The Honorable Service Lapel Button was a small token of appreciation given to every American service member that was discharged after WWII. It was nicknamed the "Ruptured Duck" by the more than 12 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines that were mustered out of the military between September 1939 and December 1946.

The small, gold-plated brass emblem, 7/16 inches high and 5/8 inch wide, had its beginning on June 9, 1925, when the War Department issued General Order No. 13 authorizing the wearing of the "Badge of Service" for honorably discharged veterans.

The design consisted of "an eagle perched within a ring which displayed seven white ventricle stripes and six red ventricle stripes and a blue chief along the wing bearing the words "National Defense."

The origins of the term, "Ruptured Duck" are unknown despite the claims of many of coining one or more famous phrases to come out of WWII. Capt. Ted Lawson, a pilot in the famous Doolittle raid over Tokyo, named his B-25 bomber "Ruptured Duck." Lawson wrote the book, "30 seconds over Tokyo" that was later made into a movie.

World War II veterans who would like to replace their lost pins may receive one free of charge. To be eligible, a veteran must have served honorably between September 8, 1939 and December 31, 1946.

Army veterans should write to U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, Attn: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. Phone, (314) 538-3573.

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard veterans should write to National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132. Phone (314) 538-3071.

Air Force (including former Air Corps Personnel) should write to Air Force Reference Branch, National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO 63132. Phone, (314) 538-4218. The verification process takes up to eight months or more, officials at the National Records Center have said.

Authentic Ruptured Duck reproductions are for sale through the American Legion, Attn: Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or the American Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, Attn: Quartermaster, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD.

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At the State House...



AT A RECENT VISIT TO THE STATE HOUSE, City Councilor Joseph Mineo (right) met with Representative Daniel F. Keenan to discuss workforce development issues in greater Springfield.

On October 17th...

Informational mtg. on Community Preservation Act

The Community Preservation Act Ad-Hoc Committee has scheduled a public informational meeting on the Community Preservation Act on Wednesday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Agawam Middle School.

Mr. Jamie Hellen of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will be making a presentation explaining the Act and its benefits to Agawam and participating communities.

As most of the residents are aware, the Agawam City Council voted on September 4th to place the question of acceptance on the November 6th ballot, allowing the voters of Agawam an opportunity to be heard on this important issue. This public meeting will be an opportunity for the residents of Agawam to learn more about the Act and ask any questions they may have regarding its benefits and implications.

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The Cultural Committee of the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills cordially invites you on Saturday, October 27th to a Luncheon Buffet at 1:00 p.m., followed by an afternoon cabaret, "Hats Off to Vaudeville" starting at 3:00 p.m.

We are happy to bring back to our community the fabulous Carol Pedigree and her music production featuring vintage gowns, hats and boas, vaudeville songs, "Gay 90's," and "Roaring 20's." Carol has played everywhere from Cape Cod to New Hampshire and Western Mass.

She uses song and dance, comedy and storytelling to delight her audiences. There is something in her show for everyone.

Tickets for the buffet and show will be \$15; for the show only, \$8.

Please make reservations by Wednesday, October 24th by calling the club at 786-0924 after 4:00 p.m.

Junior Women schedule Oct. 16th monthly meeting

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

Featured speaker will be George Vosipian from Prudential Securities. He will present a workshop on Investments and Retirement, focusing on the mechanics planning for the future. The public is invited.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved. For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Leonard House.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

Beekman Place remembers board members...



RESIDENTS OF BEEKMAN PLACE ESTATES in Agawam recently memorialized three former members of its board of managers by placing plaques in their honor on the property. In left photo: A plaque was placed in the memory of David C. Gallano, the former Agawam town treasurer who served on Beekman's board of managers with distinction for many years. David's son, Kenneth Gallano (left), and wife, Adele Gallano (right), admire the plaque with Bernie Michaels, representing the board of managers for Beekman Place Estates. In right photo: A plaque was also placed to honor the memory of John "Jack" Hitchcock for his years of dedicated service, as well as Carol Billings for her years as a member of the board of managers. Looking on are Alison Hitchcock (family member) and board of managers member Marilyn Curry. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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Town honors "Buddy Walk 2001" with Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam participated in the Western Massachusetts Buddy Walk on September 8, 2001 in honor of the observance of Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October; and

WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society works and advocates on behalf of people with Down Syndrome, their Families and Mental Health Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Said Society sponsors conferences and scientific symposia, offers a video about the care of children and young adults with Down Syndrome, and publishes a newsletter and magazine written by people with Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality, occurring in one of every 800 to 1,000 births. More than 350,000 people in the United States have Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Research and medical advances have enhanced the Health of people with this Syndrome and most health problems related to this disorder are now treatable; and

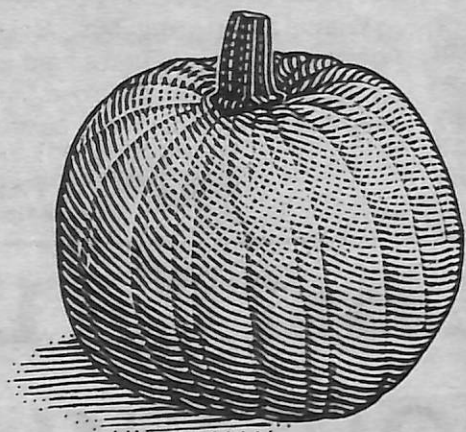
WHEREAS, The National Down Syndrome Society encourages and ensures that people with Down Syndrome reach their full potential and become contributing members of the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD A. COHEN, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2001 as Down Syndrome Awareness month.



SUSAN LUCIA OF AGAWAM, coordinator of last month's "Buddy Walk 2001" to benefit children with Down Syndrome, holds a proclamation from the Town of Agawam commemorating the event with her daughter, April, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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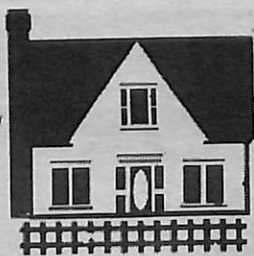


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Your Neighbors



Bill Beaudry - campaign treasurer by day, oil painter by night

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

When Bill Beaudry, treasurer of Mayor Richard A. Cohen's campaign, is not working, he said he enjoys the art of oil painting as a way of relaxing and one of his most recognized pieces of art is a mural on his garage door on Country Road in Agawam.

Beaudry said his friend, Ray Provost, inspired him to paint the garage door mural, which is an oil painting of trees, plants, a bench and most recently an American flag that represents the acts of terrorism that struck our nation on September 11th.

As he was looking through his friend's pictures, Beaudry said he saw a picture of a house with a mural on a garage door and that motivated him to paint a mural on his own garage door.

Beaudry likes to include pieces of his life in his paintings and the trees and plants on his garage add character to his mural, since they are all parts of his yard.

"I put the American flag up on the mural in memory of September 11th," Beaudry said. "I find it very devastating that a human would be willing to take his or her own life and several other's with them."

"Now there are many families without their loved ones," Beaudry added. "This is scary and I hope nobody ever forgets this, it is still here and will never go away."

Beaudry said he not only paints as a way of relaxation, but also to benefit his family and friends.

"Many of my family and friends have original paintings and it's nice to see other people appreciate art. Everyone has a plain white garage door and I wanted to paint something different, so that people could drive by and say, 'that's unusual.' I wanted to maybe start a trend to make garage doors more attractive," noted Beaudry.

The mural took Beaudry about 16 hours to complete this past summer on the weekends.

As Cohen's campaign treasurer since April 1999, Beaudry's responsibilities include taking care of all the money aspects of the campaign, paying the bills, producing reports and making sure everything balances out correctly.

"All the money from the Mayor's campaign goes directly into a checking account and is used for campaign expenses," Beaudry said.

Beaudry became the Mayor's campaign treasurer almost by accident after he met the Mayor's brother, Alan Cohen, who is a guidance counselor at Agawam High School, where Beaudry's son, Michael, attended school at the time.

As time went on and Beaudry's son went to Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), he said he would often run into Mayor Cohen at STCC



THE GARAGE DOOR OF BILL & ANGELA BEAUDRY of Country Road is a scenic mural painted by Bill. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

where he worked prior to running and winning the Mayor's seat here.

"I saw how Rich (Mayor Cohen) was with the students and one day he said jokingly that he was looking for a campaign manager," Beaudry said. "We decided soon after that I would be campaign treasurer instead."

Beaudry saw how helpful Mayor Cohen was with his son as well as the other students at STCC and that's when Beaudry decided he wanted to be involved in the Mayor's campaign.

"I wanted to give something back," Beaudry said.

Beaudry said his history of banking for the last 30 years is what helped to determine his current position as campaign treasurer. In addition to banking, Beaudry has also been a branch manager and is also currently an administrative assistant for a non-profit organization. "I have been working as an administrative assistant for the Institute of Community Economics for the last 3 years," Beaudry said. "I work with community land trust for affordable housing

for low income families." This non-profit organization is all over the country, including Canada and their main office is in Springfield.

In addition to his professional experience, Beaudry has two associate degrees from STCC, one in business administration and the other in data processing.

"I also took classes at Western New England College (WNEC) for business," Beaudry added. Beaudry resides with his wife, Angela, and his mother-in-law.

"I've lived in Agawam for almost 30 years and I love the town," Beaudry said.

Beaudry's son, Michael, lives locally in East Springfield with his own wife and his granddaughter, Mariangelie, who is one year-old.

When asked why Mrs. Beaudry likes living in Agawam she said, "That's hard to answer, but I grew up in Agawam and my close family and friendly ties keep me here in this warm community."

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BILL BEAUDRY OF AGAWAM just loves to paint. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

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As for the future, Beaudry said, "I want to continue to help the Mayor's growth in the Town of Agawam with his enthusiasm and dedication to the Agawam residents."

There was a fundraiser held Friday, October 5th at the Polish American Club in Agawam for Mayor Cohen. "The main goal of this event was to get people together for an evening of fun," Beaudry said. "Not necessarily to make money, but to break even and introduce the Mayor to Agawam residents."

"I think the idea was to get the Mayor out with the residents of Agawam in a friendly atmosphere, rather than getting together as a requirement for his position as Mayor," Mrs. Beaudry added.

Beaudry said his future will also include oil painting in his free time, which he has been doing for the last nine years. He is currently taking painting classes at Agawam High School on Wednesday evenings.

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Junior Women to sponsor "Scarecrow Fundraiser Booth" on October 13th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold a Scarecrow Fundraiser Booth at Fini's Farm in Agawam on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Individuals will have an opportunity to "create" their own scarecrows just in time for Halloween. Straw for stuffing and assorted clothing and art supplies will be provided.

Proceeds will go toward one of our many community projects. Please mark your calendar and join us in the fun.

For further information, you may call Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

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Common hair complaints

This week, I will continue my article on common hair complaints and how to cope with them.

Another common question is how to get rid of split ends. Sorry to say that once your single strand of hair has parted, there is only one way to get rid of it - (the "c" word) cutting. You can minimize the appearance of split ends and help smooth them down with a variety of conditioning and styling products: silicone serums, for instance, will both help glue and gloss over the cracks in your hair.

The best medicine is to have regular trims every six to eight weeks to keep the ends healthy and from splitting. One misconception is that if you cut your hair that often, you will not be able to grow it long. Not true! Your hair grows approximately 1/4 inch a month. If you have your ends just slightly trimmed, it will keep them from splitting and breaking, thus allowing the hair to grow longer.

Another problem and misconception is dandruff. It

may simply be that you are not washing your hair often enough. Skin cells over your scalp are constantly being shed, becoming "glued" in place by oil and then crumbling off. Washing your hair on a daily basis with a shampoo made for your hair type should help. If within a month you have not found any improvement, you may need to switch to an anti-dandruff shampoo. If this does not seem to be working, then your problem could be eczema or psoriasis. I usually recommend seeking the advice of a dermatologist. It has also been proven that Paul Mitchell's Tea Tree shampoo has helped many scalp and skin disorders. Stop by our salon to experience the whole line.

The next question is about the fear of using hair products. Many feel that using conditioners, styling, and finishing products can harm the hair. First of all, hair is already dead (an outgrowth of dead cells and keratin growing upward from a hair follicle). The application of any products can only help.

They are designed to coat the hair shaft and make it more pliable and to help smooth and seal the cuticle. They can protect from the elements and from heat appliances. Some products can add volume on thin fine hair by coating the hair shaft. So there are no reasons to shy away from products designed to help make your hair look, act, and feel better.

Thought for a smile: singing your favorite song out loud.

And remember...*Beauty is our Business!*

Retired Educators Association to hold fall luncheon

REAM, the Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts, Hampden West Chapter, will hold a fall luncheon at the Chateau Provost in Chicopee.

The affair will begin with a social hour at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon will be served at noon. After a brief business meeting, Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian will address the retirees, speaking on relevant topics.

For further information, please call (413) 569-5324.

Crafters wanted for November craft fair

The Agawam Lioness Club is looking for crafters for its Holiday Craft Fair scheduled for November 9th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and November 10th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The fair will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Springfield St. in Feeding Hills.

For more information, call Rose at 786-0177 after 7:00 p.m.

Annual meeting of the Memorial Society of Western Mass.

The Memorial Society of Western Mass. will hold its annual meeting on October 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield. The speaker will be Lisa Carlson, Executive Director of Funeral Consumers Alliance and author of "Caring For the Dead: Your Final Act of Love."

The local society is a member of the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America (FAMSA) and provides members as well as non-members with help in planning dignified and moderately priced funerals for themselves and their loved ones. Information is also provided on the Health Care Proxy, organ donations, anatomical gift programs, Comfort Care ("Do Not Resuscitate" orders), and a survey of area funeral costs.

The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

"Haunted Old New England" scares up fun at Storowton

Storowton Village Museum presents its annual "Haunted Old New England" on Friday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in historic Storowton Village on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Entertainer Damon Cook of Worcester will bewitch audience members with authentic 18th and 19th century songs and spooky stories inside the Village's Meetinghouse. The program will be presented by candlelight.

All family members are encouraged to participate in this charming night of Halloween folklore in Storowton's unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 per person. Children under six will be admitted free of charge.

Reservations are not required, but are encouraged by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

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Happy 70th Birthday, Dad



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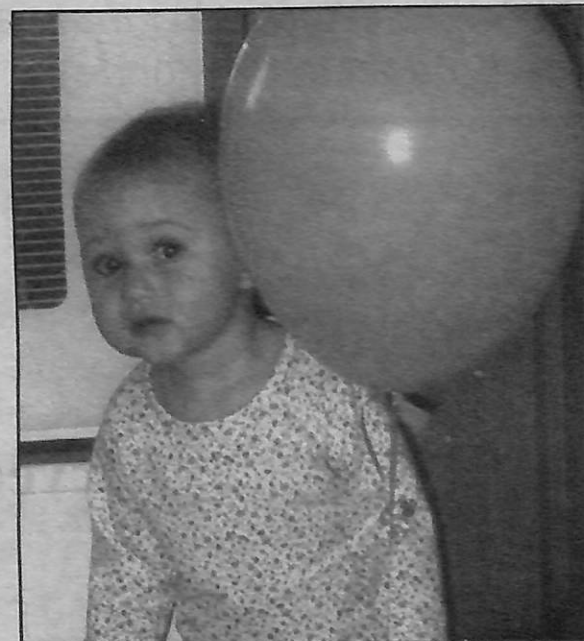
Happy 18th Birthday, Erin

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*We Love You
Dad, Mom and Jamie*

Happy 1st Birthday! Kayla Alexis Poulin



*With All The Love In The World,
Mommy & Daddy
Nonu & Noni Mutti*

Kiwanis Club installs officers for coming year

Gina Fusick of Agawam was installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of West Springfield-Agawam during the club's meeting on September 25th at Olive Oil's Restaurant. Also installed were Bob Byrne as first vice-president; Nancy Whitehead, treasurer; and Ed Walsh, secretary.

In addition, the following will serve on the club's board of directors in addition to the officers: Kay Buoniconti, Judy Lichwan, and Charles Separk. The immediate past president, Len Anair, will continue to serve on the board for the next year.

Mrs. Fusick will be serving as club president on the worldwide Kiwanis team with newly-elected Kiwanis International President Brian Cunant. Kiwanis International's major focus, a program called "Young Children: Priority One," will continue during 2001-2002.

Recent club activities in town have included financial support for the Skate Park and members serving as cooks for the Skate Park cookout on Friday, September 21st.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis officers being installed for the coming year (from left to right): Nancy Whitehead, treasurer; Gina Fusick, president; Vesta Brown, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor; Len Anair, outgoing president; and Ed Walsh, secretary.

"Halloween House Decorating Contest" in Agawam

Mayor Richard A. Cohen, the Agawam Rotary Club, the Agawam Family Cinemas, and the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a "Halloween House Decorating Contest."

All entrants must be within the boundaries of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Judging will take place on Monday, October 29th (rain date, Tuesday, Oct. 30th)

from the street and sidewalk. Only the exterior of the house and yard visible from the street will be judged.

Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and the essence of capturing the true Halloween "spirit." Decision of the judging committee is final.

First prize is \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25. The top three prize winners will each receive four

passes to the Agawam Family Cinemas.

Entry fee is \$5 and must accompany the entry form.

For more information, call the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department at 821-0513.

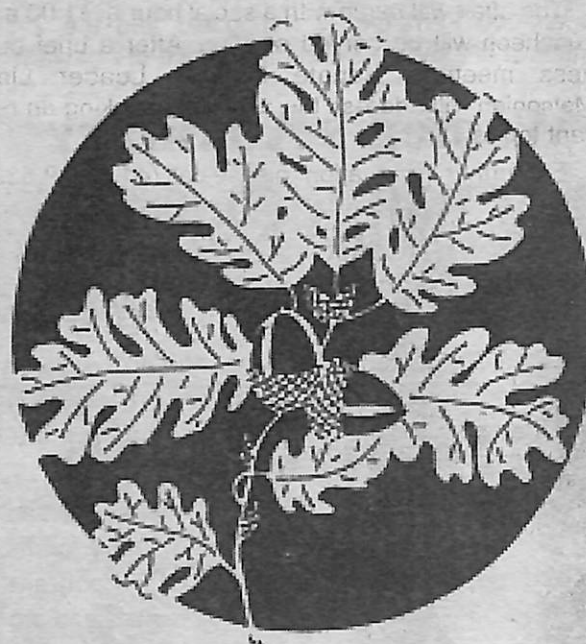
Winners will be notified by telephone and listed in the Agawam Advertiser News.

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PAYTON RACHAEL LEMKE

Lemke family announces birth of Payton Rachael

David and Tami (Ferraiolo) Lemke of Agawam are proud new parents of Payton Rachael.

Payton was born at 9:55 p.m. on September 18, 2001 at Baystate Medical Center. She weighed 6.6 pounds and was 18-1/4 inches long.

Payton was welcomed home by her 17 month-old brother, Jarrod Anthony, and is the fourth grandchild of Mary-Lou Ferraiolo of Springfield and the 21st grandchild of Lloyd and Carlene Lemke of Agawam.

Women's Auxiliary of Polish Club to sponsor craft fair

On Saturday, October 20th, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will be sponsoring their annual fall craft fair. New hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

There will be many holiday decorations, gift baskets, stained glass items, wooden country crafts, ceramics, decorative painting, pen and ink portraits, and shell crafts. Also available will be knitted and crocheted items, doorstops, afghans, and personalized stone bears.

If it's Polish food you like, we will have golumpki and pierogi to eat with us or to take home and have frozen for the holidays. Beverages and a light lunch will be available for those who want to rest and enjoy.

Agawam Senior Center's weekly lunch menu

Mon., Oct. 15th: Cream potato/ham soup, BBQ pork sandwich, juice and banana.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Meatball stew, tomato/cuke salad, pudding tarts.

Wed., Oct. 17th: Hot dog, baked beans, cole slaw, pears.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: "German Day" - sauerbraten, fried red cabbage, noodles, German chocolate cake.

Fri., Oct. 19th: Creamed tuna & peas on toast, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 holds banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 held its 19th Anniversary Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 3rd.

A social hour was enjoyed by the club members prior to dinner.

At noon, Chapter 2 president Perry McCobb welcomed the club members and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Chaplain Leaneore Dion.

A delicious dinner consisting of a choice of roast beef, chicken breast, and baked scrod was served by the staff of the Shaker Farms Country Club.

The president expressed special thanks to the Banquet Committee: Thelma Gardner (table arrangements), Barbara Sherry and Eileen Collier (ticket sales), Lee Dion (Chaplain), Rose McCobb (wedding anniversary history), and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

Special recognition was made to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this year: 50 years - Robert & Jessie Rivers, Charles & Gina Armida; 55 years - Joseph & Nellie Mathias; 60 years - Arthur & Eileen Collier, Norman & Vivian Roberts, Ernest & Barbara Swanson; 77 years - Willis & Ruth Parady.

The husbands were given red carnations, which they presented to their wives.

Ruth Parady was presented a bouquet of flowers. Her husband was unable to attend as he is in a local nursing home.

Dancing to the "Anniversary Waltz" concluded this special program.

Virginia Lake, program chairman, introduced the entertainment, the Goldtones chorus group from Enfield, who presented a program of patriotic song concluding with all singing "God Bless America."

Poker run & dinner to be held at Agawam American Legion

Wilson Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 185 will hold a poker run and dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Come join us for a day of fun and participate in any or all of the planned activities. Bring your classic cars, everyday cars, friends in your car and motorcycles, and enjoy our fall poker run for \$5 per entry. There will be prizes for best poker hand, closest mileage estimate, and closest time estimate.

Join us for dinner from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. for a \$10 donation. Enjoy oldies music from D.J. Coupe Productions.

Constance Majewski, President's Club/Avon representative, will be taking orders from a special sales flyer and for Christmas ornaments. She is donating all proceeds from these orders to the Auxiliary programs. If you would like to support this event but are unable to attend, please call Connie directly at 789-1833.

All proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary programs such as our children and youth programs; the town Halloween party; Christmas gifts for children in need; the Ronald McDonald House; veterans' affairs and rehabilitation programs; community services programs; and the scholarship fund.

For further information, call Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-9844 or 789-7278.

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AHS class of '81 slates 20th reunion

Agawam High School's class of 1981 is planning its 20th class reunion on Friday, November 23rd, at the Log Cabin Banquet House, Holyoke. We are missing a few of our class members, and we need help finding them.

Please contact Dawn Negrucci Uschman, 789-7586, or Chris Norman, 786-9228. Or, you can e-mail us at AHS Class of 81@hotmail.com.

Here is who we are looking for:

David Anderson, Michael Armand, Kathy Hughes Barry, Deborah Beddow, Donna Belcher, Wilfred Buchard, Douglas Cassavant, Marva Coffee, Dori Cohan, Suzanne Conway, Scott Cousineau, Denise Cross, Melissa Danckert, Robert Drews, John Fitzpatrick, Sandra Flemming, Michael Gaudino, Kathy Gilbert, Daniel Gorman, David Gosselin, Susan Guidi, Sue Harp Pettigrew, Nathan Harriman, Scott Hermans, John Hill, Jennifer Hopkins, Gary Jennison, Gary Jutras, Kenneth Kamyk, Karl Kamyk.

Lisa Lafontaine Couture, Paul Lamelino, Robert Lamothe, Mark Laviolette, William Lee, Barry Little, Catherine Marai King, Marion Margosiak, Elaine Racicot Martel, Michael McFarlin, Kathy Meade Fairhurst, Randy Minet, Patricia Misco, Lynett Mogan, Mark Morrison, Tracy Nolan, Dana Peabody, Deborah Peterson, Bernard Petrone, Sue Hastings Poirier, Michael Provost, John Ramah, David Rawson, Donna Roberts Ross, Sean Rogers, William Russell, Mark Schmidt, Tammy Shay Bosquet, Paige Smith, Ralph Soden, Lois Soja, Mary Steele, Margaret Stoneburg Hatmaker, Lawrence Teal, Sandra Teal, Mathew Thorsen, Tina Tricinella Nadler, William Turgon, Lisa Vignato, Carey Weiss, Jeff Whitney, Kevin Widmer, Gary Wynegar, and James Yelinek.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club to sponsor "Holiday Illuminations"

Calling all Agawam families who like to light up their homes for the holidays! Join in Agawam's **HOLIDAY ILLUMINATIONS**. Let's see Agawam shine!

If you are planning to decorate the outside of your home for the holidays, enter the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Holiday Illuminations Contest. The Junior Women's Club will sell maps (for a nominal fee) during December, indicating the locations of all entries. Anyone purchasing a map will be eligible to vote in this contest. There will be three categories: Most Original/Creative, Most Elegant, and Best Theme. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each category.

If you are interested in participating, please call Stephanie at 786-4578 or send your name, address, and phone number to: Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001. Entries must be received by November 30th. The contest will be conducted during the first two weeks in December.

Catch the holiday spirit and join in the fun! Challenge your neighbors! Both private residences and businesses are eligible.

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Church News

Activities at All Saints Parish

St. Anthony of Padua Church

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church

Rev. William C. Rousseau, Administrator.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 108 Bridge St., Agawam; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, 74 Bridge St., Agawam. Rectory: (413) 786-4451.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa.

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa (Communion Service - no Mass).

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa.

Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony.

Saturday, 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa.

Holy Day Vigil, 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony.

Holy Day, 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa.

Rosary, one half-hour before daily Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., Oct. 11th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Malachi 3: 13-

20 and Luke 11: 5-13. Mass offered in memory of Gloria and Alphonso Deleva.

Fri., Oct. 12th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Daily Bible reading: Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2, Luke 11: 15-26. Mass offered in memory of the Deceased Priests of the Diocese.

Sat., Oct. 13th: 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered for the Pope. Daily Bible reading: Joel 4: 12-21 and Luke 11: 27-28. Mass offered in memory of Edward Chapman; 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered in memory of Allen Pilegi. Daily Bible reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17, 2 Timothy 2: 8-13, and Luke 17: 11-19.

Sun., Oct. 14th: 8:30 a.m., 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered in memory of Nicholas and Frances Depalo. Daily Bible reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17, 2 Timothy 2: 8-13, and Luke 17: 11-19. Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week at St. Anthony's in memory of James & Victoria Ciocci. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of David Scharibone. No CCD; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered in memory of Jean Lango. Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Annette Hannon. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of the Rosie Family.

Mon., Oct. 15th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Romans 1: 1-7 and Luke 11: 29-32. Mass is offered in memory of Annette Hannon; 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal for 8:30/11:00 Choirs at St. Anthony's.

Tues., Oct. 16th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Romans 1: 16-25 and Luke 11: 37-41. Mass offered in memory of Judith Rose; 7:00 p.m., Parish Council meets in the Education Center for the Election of Officers.

Wed., Oct. 17th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., COMMUNION SERVICE (NO MASS). Daily Bible reading: 1 Romans 2: 1-11 and Luke 10: 1-9.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: 2 Timothy 4: 9-17 and Luke 10: 1-9. Mass offered in memory of the Deceased members of the Lango Family.

Installation of K of C officers...



LAST MONTH, St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam Center was the site for the latest installation of officers for the local Knights of Columbus (John F. Kennedy Council #5585). Pictured above are some of the following officers who were present at the installation: State Deputy Thomas M. Ledbetter, District Deputy John G. Rohan (Trustee for one year), District Warden Robert Nichols, Grand Knight Ralph J. Minie, Deputy Grand Knight Gerard J. Parent, Chancellor James Coppola, Financial Secretary James Jenks, Recorder James B. Hayes, Warden Robert R. Campbell, Treasurer Robert T. Sullivan, Lecturer Maurice Casey, Frank R. Meagher (Trustee for two years), Edmund R. Francis (Trustee for three years), Advocate Emmitt Walsh, Inside Guard Nicola Porfilio, and Outside Guard Dennis S. Buell.



FATHER HOWARD MCCORMICK (second from the left), pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, was the celebrant at the recent installation of officers for the local Knights of Columbus (John F. Kennedy Council #5585). Pictured above with Father McCormick are (from left) State Deputy Thomas M. Ledbetter, Grand Knight Ralph J. Minie, and District Deputy John G. Rohan (Trustee for one year). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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The "Good News" from First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Agawam is located at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Our telephone number is: (413) 786-7300, and our e-mail address is: FIRSTBAPTISTAGWM@AOL.COM. The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We invite you to come and join us at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Sunday, October 14th, at 9:30 a.m. for our morning service. Your Greeters for Sunday morning will be William and Gail Howe. Our Supply Preacher, Chaplain Gage Hotaling, will lead the service. Scott Thomson will present the responsive reading during Sunday's service. The Scripture Readings for this Sunday will be from Matthew, Chapter 17, verses 14-21, and will be followed by Chaplain Hotaling's sermon entitled "Faith That Moves Mountains." As always, the beautiful voices of our choir will be providing inspirational and uplifting musical selections for our enjoyment. Visitors are always welcome to come and join us for this time of fellowship and worship in our sanctuary. Come join us to share the inspirational message, the beautiful hymns and musical selections, and the wonderful fellowship that you find here at the First Baptist Church of Agawam.

Children of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend the worship service with adults. Following the Children's Story, if they wish, all children leave the Sanctuary to attend Children's Church (a fellowship activity for children ages four through the fourth grade). The younger children are encouraged to go to the Nursery for a fun time making crafts, playing with games and toys, and being around other children. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Visitors are always welcome at our worship services and are encouraged to stay after the service for coffee and conversation in Davis Hall. Following this time of fellowship, we offer Sunday School classes for adults and children. The Sunday School classes are

for children who are in preschool all the way through and up to adults. An adult Bible Study class led by Marianne Tompkins is offered each Sunday following worship in The Upper Room, which is located above Lockhart Parlor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 14th: American Baptist Churches of Pioneer Valley Fall Worship Meeting to be held at Agawam Baptist Church. Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. - Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. - Reception at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. For reservation or more information, please contact the church office at 786-7300.

Monday, October 15th: Parent/Child Playgroup meets from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the home of Sandra Taft-Fairlie. Please contact the church office for further details.

Tuesday, October 16th: Mr. and Mrs. Club will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the church office for further details; There will be a Youth Group Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the church office for further details.

Wednesday, October 17th: There will be a mid-week prayer time at 7:15 a.m. Please contact the church office for further details; Trading Post Open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. You may bring in any items you wish to place on consignment during these business hours.

Thursday, October 18th: The Bell Ringers will be meeting in the church for practice and fellowship at 10:00 a.m. Contact Everett Hodge or the church office for further details; Parent/Child Playgroup meets from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Taft-Fairlie. Please contact the church office for further details; Choir Practice will be held at the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 20th: Search Committee Meeting.

Tag/rummage/bake sale at Immaculate Conception Church

Immaculate Conception Church, located at 475 Main Street in West Springfield, will be the site of a tag/rummage/bake sale to be held on Saturday, October 13th. The basement of the brick school (just beyond the parking lot) will be open to browsers and shoppers from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A homemade lunch will be available, too, along with some fun raffles (with the winners drawn that day). Also offered will be some special holiday raffle items, suitable for gift-giving (winners of these prizes will be drawn in early December).

"Mary's Luncheon" will not disappoint you, and our bakers - headed by Marie - are some of the best we know. Look forward to the day ... and spend some of it breathing in the sweet bargain air!

Chicken supper at Valley Comm. Church

Valley Community Church, located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, will be hosting a chicken supper on Saturday, October 13th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will consist of half a baked chicken, stuffing and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, condiments, roll and butter, choice of beverages, and homemade desserts (including hot cobblers).

The cost is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children. For reservations, call Jeff, 789-2552; Shirley, 786-2576; or the church at 786-2445.

Appraisal Fair at Ag. Congregational

The Fellowship Guild will hold another Appraisal Fair on Wednesday, November 7th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The cost is \$5 per item, or three items for \$12. Douglas Auctioneers will be doing the appraising.

Ladies' Bible study to begin at Bethany

Calling all ladies; in these changing and uncertain times, there is one thing that never changes ... The Word of God. You are invited to join us as we begin a Bible study on the topic *The Battlefield of the Mind*.

We will use material developed by Joyce Meyer of Life in the Word. This practical Bible study will surely impact all of us in our roles as wives, mothers, daughters, and friends.

Where: Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam. Time: Tuesdays beginning October 16th, 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Cost: This study is free. An optional book and study guide may be purchased. *Childcare will be provided at a nominal fee.*

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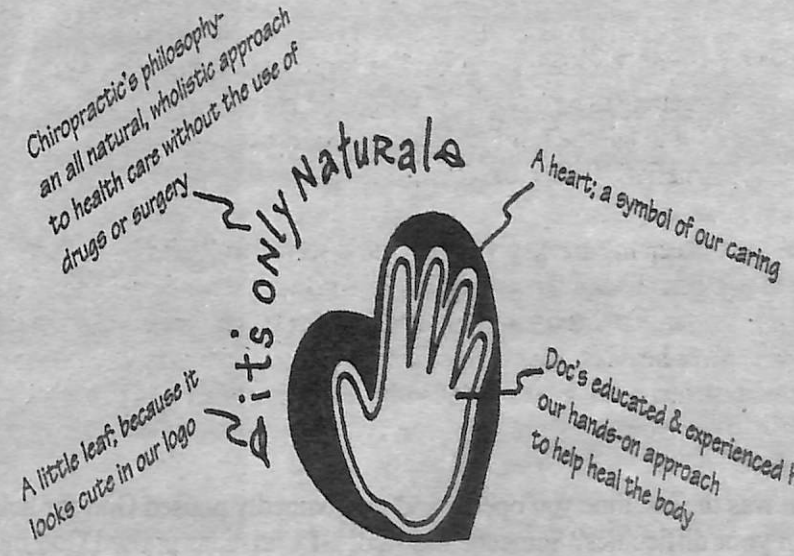
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An attitude of gratitude...

The Bible tells us that we are made in the image of God. That probably does not mean that God has arms, legs, eyes, and ears like we do. Although God can reach out to do things; God can come to us in our time of need; God can see everything that goes on in our lives; and God can hear our prayers, God is not as limited in His exercise of His senses as we are.

Chances are, that when the Bible says we are made in the image of God, it means that we have certain attributes, or characteristics, which are similar to God's. For example, people are emotional beings. In this regard, we are very much like God, and very much unlike animals. Animals react to stimuli like we do. However, animals do not seem to have true emotions, or at least not the range and depth of emotions, which people have. On the other hand, the Bible provides evidence that God does have feelings, like we do.

The Bible tells us that God has a wide range of emotions. One of the emotions which God has, which might surprise us, is the ability to feel hurt. An example of Jesus' feelings being hurt appears in the Gospel According to Luke.

As they continued onward toward Jerusalem, they reached the border between Galilee and Samaria, and as they entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Sir, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go to the Jewish priest and show him that you have been healed!" And as they were going, the leprosy disappeared. One of them came back to Jesus, shouting, "Glory to God, I'm healed!" He fell flat down on the ground in front of Jesus, face downward in the dust, thanking Him for what He

had done. This man was a despised Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

In Jesus' day, lepers were always outcasts from society. Nobody wanted anything to do with them. People were afraid that leprosy was contagious, and they feared being infected. It was like when the AIDS epidemic first broke out, and fear caused people to shun AIDS patients. Society's message to lepers was: "Stay away ... don't ask for anything from us." In the region of Jerusalem, the only thing worse than being a leper was being a Samaritan with leprosy.

In this story, we can almost hear Jesus' voice sounding hurt as He asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?" We can almost see Him looking off in the direction the other nine lepers had taken, hoping they too would come back.

We could conclude our consideration of this story at this point, without wondering what it means to us today. Or, we could ask, **"does this story have anything to do with me?"**

This story has everything to do with each and every one of us. Each of us has been blessed by God, in ways we don't deserve. For some of us, God has done something for us which would qualify for a miracle. Most of us have not had God perform a miracle for us, but we've been blessed nonetheless.

God could demand that we repay Him for what He does for us. But He doesn't. All He asks us for is appreciation, a word of thanks. Of all of the various things the Bible tells us we should do, giving thanks to God is among the most frequently mentioned.

We should stop at this point. After all that God has done for us, the least we owe God is an attitude of gratitude. But Jesus went on a little further. For the one person who showed gratitude, who merely said "thank you," Jesus had yet another reward. Jesus gave this one man more than just his health back. He gave him his life back, as well! **And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."**

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Gratitude Is Contagious

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. —Psalm 103:2

Although forgetfulness sometimes increases with age, it's really common to us all. Even children have lapses of memory and excuse themselves by saying, "I forgot!" But there's one kind of forgetfulness that is inexcusable at any age—forgetting to be grateful to God. The psalmist David was determined not to fail the Lord in this way, so he exhorted his soul: "Forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

David didn't keep his thanksgiving to God a secret. In Psalm 34:2 he wrote, "The humble shall hear of it and be glad." And who were the humble? They were those who, like David, were going through tough times. Why would they be glad to hear his praises? Because their own faith was strengthened when he testified about God's help to him in times of fear (v.4), trouble (v.6), need (v.10), sorrow (v.18), or affliction (v.19).

When was the last time you openly and unashamedly praised God for helping you in your difficulties? Someone has said, "If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less." Not only is it appropriate, therefore, to express your gratitude for all His benefits, but your example may also encourage others to move from doubt to faith as you praise Him. —JEY

*Thank the Lord when trouble comes,
His love and grace expressing;
Grateful praise will strengthen faith,
Turn trials into blessing. —DCE*

An attitude of gratitude can make your life a beatitude.

Upcoming events and activities at Faith Bible Church

October 15th: Springfield Rescue Mission Banquet being held at Chez Josef. The cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds will go to the Rescue Mission. Anyone interested in attending are to see the Pastor or call 786-1681.

October 15th-17th: Ariel Ministries will be conducting a Bible Seminar with Arnold Fructenbaum from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Glorius Church, Springfield (Mon. & Tues.), and will be preaching at Faith Bible Church on Wednesday, October 17th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

October 19th-20th: The men's retreat will be held in Shutesbury, MA. Sign up for a great time of fellowship, prayer, and several messages from God's Word. We are filling up the amount allowed to go for the overnight. Please contact the church if interested.

October 28th: Faith Bible Church membership induction. Anyone interested in joining and becoming a member, please see Pastor Jasmin.

November 10th: Women's Missionary Luncheon beginning at 12:00 noon. More information to follow as the time gets closer.

Monday: "Life of Christ" series at 6:30 p.m. Learning about Jesus through the Jewish perspective.

Tuesday & Thursday: Dance classes for children 3-9 and 10-adult. Call for more information.

Wednesday: Prayer and service. Prayer begins at 6:30 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. open prayer at the church. **Outreach:** 10:45 a.m. Heritage Woods; 12:00 noon Street Evangelism.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 1st service with nursery provided; 10:30 a.m. - 2nd service with nursery provided & sign language during service; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Youth Group meets at the church.

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Activities at Agawam Congregational

This Sunday, October 14th, at 10:30 a.m., is "Celebration of Stewardship" Sunday. Rev. Earl will be speaking on "the Joy of Giving." James Coon, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, will present our Stewardship Campaign, "Just Do It." The Jr. and Sr. High will celebrate Communion. There will be an open house at the parsonage from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please sign up at coffee hour with Ann Tapply or Mary Jane Stuart. The choir, under the direction of Helen Wyzga, will be singing.

Chicken & Bisquit Dinner: October 20th, 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$8. Children, \$4.50. Call the church office for reservations, 786-7111.

Come join the weekly Play Group on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for parents and preschool children. For more information, please call the church office, 786-7111, or Lisa Fielder, 786-0749.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday morning, 7:30 a.m. **ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.** Rev. Earl and Warren Tapply will report on a conference they attended, "Boys To Men: What the Church Should Know. How the Church Can Help."

Divorce Care: October 21st, 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

THIS COMING WEEK...

Sunday: 3:00 p.m., Open House at the Parsonage.

Monday: 4:00 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Wednesday: 10:30 p.m., Play Group; 7:00 p.m., Worship Service.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Puppet Ministry Festival at Bethany Assembly of God

One Way Street ministries of Littleton, Colorado and Bethany Assembly of God are co-sponsoring a Puppet Ministry Festival at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam on Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th.

The Festival is a combination of workshops, puppet team performances, and competition among area youth puppet ministry groups. Our theme for the 2001 Puppetry Festivals is "His Plans...Our Hands."

Registration costs range from \$14 to \$30 per person. The Festival begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday (registration opens at 6:00 p.m.) and ends about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information on the Festival, please call One Way Street, Inc. at (303) 799-6751.

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News & notes from F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our 19th Sunday After Pentacost Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Our speaker will be Pastor Rob Donaldson. The lector for this week is Rick Kretschmar. Ushers are Charlie Horenstein and Sue Strycharz.

HALL FOR RENT

The Church Hall will accommodate up to 96 people. It has a full kitchen and is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking facility. The hall is ideal for meetings, showers, family gatherings, birthday parties, etc., and is located at 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

For rental information (such as open dates and rental fees), please call Bob Marsh at 786-5061 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PARISH CUPBOARD SUNDAY

Don't forget, this Sunday is Parish Cupboard Sunday! Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Parish Cupboard table in the Sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the Sanctuary on the Parish Cupboard table for cash donations.

On the calendar:

Thurs., Oct. 11th: A.A., 7:00 p.m.; Church of Redemption, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 14th: PARISH CUPBOARD SUNDAY - Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Church of Redemption, 12:00 noon.

Mon., Oct. 15th: Girl Scouts #593, 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts #78, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Worship Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Girl Scouts #578, 3:00-5:00 p.m.; A.A., 7:00 p.m.; Financial Stewardship, 7:15 p.m.; LMMD, 7:30 p.m.; Church of Redemption in Sanctuary.

Wed., Oct. 17th: Girl Scouts #525, 3:00-5:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE; A.A., 7:00 p.m.; Church of Redemption in Sanctuary.

Fri., Oct. 19th: Creative Memories, 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

From the Pastor's desk at St. John the Evangelist Church

Third Annual Youth Hayrides: Flyers and sign-up sheets are available at Religious Education Classes. Contact Carol Haire for more info at 789-0877. Once again, there will be two hayrides. Grades 5 & 6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Grades 7 and up, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting: This Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar: This important event (which will be coming up soon) is a mammoth project sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam for the exclusive benefit of St. John's parish. Attic treasure items, new and used jewelry, Christmas decorations, and toys will be sold. Christmas craft workshops are being planned. For other areas of involvement, just call Joan at 789-0299 or Angela at 786-5408. They would be delighted to have your talent and abilities.

Get Ready, Grades 7-12: The Barry Kingston Concert is coming to St. John's on November 9th.

St. John's Guild will again sponsor a shoe sale on October 16th, 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All shoes, \$12 pair. All are welcome.

Cub Scouts' Bottle Drive: Pack 77 Cub Scouts will be holding their bottle drive and car wash on Saturday, October 13th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Scouts will be asking their neighbors to donate redeemable bottles and cans. Call 786-5103 to arrange for a pickup or stop by St. John's parking lot on the 13th. Pack 77 appreciates your support.

St. John's Over-60 Club: The Club will make their next trip to Howe Caverns in New York State on October 18th. The bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. There will be a tour of the Caverns and lunch at Cranberry Bog. Cost: \$38. If interested, call Lil, 786-9586, or Barbara, 569-9830.

St. John's Playgroup: The playgroup for infants and toddlers has begun its new season on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the lower church. For details, call Julianne, 786-3744.

Agawam Catholic Singles Club: Next meeting on October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center - "Games Night" with pizza and soda. Donation: \$3. For info, call JoAnn, 786-0774, or John, 786-2273.

Parish Pastoral Council: October 16th.

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* The contents of your home are not insured up to their replacement values ... To maintain your standard of living, annual premiums are typically very inexpensive to cover almost everything you own. Discuss exceptions with your insurance agent.

* **There is not enough liquidity in your savings to handle emergencies or opportunities ...** Create an emergency fund which should contain an amount equal to six months of expense money. Use your budget to arrive at an exact figure.

* **Many families have not taken the time to fully understand the long-term investment rewards of the securities markets (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.) ...** Take some time to go to your local library ... listen to audiocassette tapes ... watch videos ... and read books on the simple steps that you take to participate in these markets. Learn how to minimize your risks and maximize your rewards ... you'll be shocked on how these areas can greatly increase your net worth.

* **The family does not fully understand their employee benefits ...** I regularly speak to people that don't participate in their company's 401K plan ... or if they do, they contribute minimal amounts. I suggest taking an active role in controlling the direction of your funds. Review all options and plot all possibilities. In most cases, this one area can be one of the top means of acquiring a substantial nest egg for retirement, school funds, purchasing a home, a medical emergency, and more ... **BE INVOLVED!**

* **Your family has not drawn up a will, trusts, durable power of attorney, Homestead Act, etc. ...** Don't be afraid of preparing this important information ... I see too many families reacting when it's too late.

* **Tax planning ...** Some families make no tax preparations for the upcoming year, and thus have no strategies in place ... and on the other hand, some families spend too much time on tax reduction, and not enough time on concentrating on accumulating wealth for their retirement/special needs.

For the past two weeks, I've presented you with my list of problem areas ... do any of them sound familiar? Cut them out and post them on your refrigerator. Set your goals and get to work ... you'll be amazed at how easy they are to accomplish.

Remember ... "THE WORLD HATES CHANGE ... BUT IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT BRINGS PROGRESS!"

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home-buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com.

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"Approved Program for Mediation"

Question: My divorce case is still pending in the court, 13 months after I originally filed for divorce. My attorney says that a court date may be assigned in about three months, but is suggesting that my husband and I hire an "Approved Program for Mediation" in an attempt to resolve our remaining contested issues. How does this "Approved Program for Mediation" differ from other mediation services?

Answer: The booklet entitled "Hampshire Probate and Family Court" states that, "...detailed rules govern mediation in the court. Under the rules, certain programs have been approved to provide mediation. The court may refer you to a particular program, but you may select any program on the list or any other mediation provider of your choice. In order to be approved to provide mediation services to the Court, the programs and their mediators must meet many requirements, including:

A. They must respect your right to decide whether to make an agreement or not;

B. They must allow you to decide if you want your attorney or other advisor present in the mediation session;

C. They must have a fee schedule that provides for reduced fees for low income participants;

D. They must follow ethical standards such as keeping your mediation confidential, being impartial, helping you understand the mediation process, and helping you get sufficient information to make fair agreements.

The following are a sample of the approved programs for the Hampshire Probate and Family Court with a brief description of each:

A Better Choice Mediation Center, 135 State St., Springfield. Contact Paul Kalil, Esq., (413) 827-0655. Fees: \$175 hour for "mediation team." Sliding reduced fee scale according to income level: \$50-\$100 hour. Access to interpreters for Spanish, French, Italian, and Arabic.

American Mediation Service, 1350 Main St., Springfield. Contact Mary McNally, Esq., (413) 747-0225. Fees: Vary according to level of combined annual income (\$0-\$150 hour).

Mediation Works, 425 Union St., West Springfield. Contact Christine Martone, (413) 572-2771. Fees: Vary according to level of income (\$50-\$150 hour). Languages: Spanish and Polish.

Ariana Robinson of Feeding Hills joins Themistos & Dane, P.C.

Ariana Robinson of Feeding Hills recently joined the firm of Themistos & Dane, P.C., accountants and business consultants, with offices at Monarch Place in Springfield and Ellington Road in South Windsor, CT.

Ms. Robinson is a graduate of Gordon College with a degree in accounting, and was previously employed by a regional accounting firm in Boston. She will concentrate on accounting and auditing.

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There will be lots of fun and excitement for the entire family. The following businesses and schools will be participating:

The Agawam Police Dept. will be there to display its Prison Transport Vehicle and the DARE car; the Agawam Fire Dept. will provide a demonstration with a fire truck and ambulance; Agawam High School cheerleaders and members of the gymnastic team will be performing; Fitness First Health & Fitness Center will offer blood pressure checks; the Springfield Turnverein will have students providing gymnastic demonstrations; Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics & Fitness Center will be providing demonstrations; Shugart's Martial Arts School will be performing; Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do will be performing; and Shooting Star Dance Center will be performing.

Also, students from the Academy of Artistic Performance will be performing; the Kiwanis Club will provide KidCare Kits and will hand out safety and hazard literature; Stop & Shop's volunteers will be selling hot dogs, hamburgs, soda, balloons, cotton candy, apple cider, candy apples, popcorn, JDRF t-shirts, face-painting, photo sessions, and much more; Pepsi will be having the Pepsi Challenge; and Coke will be providing a basketball hoop with balls for games of chance.

Special thanks go to Gina Fusick, Branch Manager of United Cooperative Bank, and Anna Caron, Branch Manager of Fleet Bank, for their monetary donations.

The following businesses have donated certificates and/or items to be raffled: Fitness First (three-month membership); Tan Factory (seven free tanning sessions); Oak Ridge Country Club (foursome golf fee); V & F Auto Service (two certificates for car care specials valued at \$69.95 each); Monarch Floral (\$30 cer-

tificate); Blimpie's (\$5 certificate); E.B's (\$25 certificate); Friendly's (\$20 certificate); Bruno's (large combination pizza); Dunkin' Donuts (\$10 certificate); Olive Oil's Restaurant (\$15 certificate); John Lazazerra (Hershey representative - a five-pound chocolate bar and a life-size Mummy blow-up); Sarat Ford (\$70 certificate); Checkard's Sports Pub (a cash donation); and Home Mortgage Company (a free appraisal certificate - a \$250 value - with tour).

Guest speakers will include Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Kristen Reed from the JDRF, and Stop & Shop's Joanne Cohane.

Kathy Shepard from *The Agawam Advertiser News* will be on hand to take action photos, and B.A. Pal (Stop & Shop's parrot mascot) will be making the rounds!

This is a must-see for anyone who enjoys action-packed performances and events. The times of each performance are as follows:

- * Speech, Mayor Cohen: 10:00 to 10:05 a.m.
- * Speech, Kristen Reed (JDRF): 10:05 to 10:10 a.m.
- * Speech, Joanne Cohane (S&S): 10:10 to 10:15 a.m.
- * Shugart's Martial Arts, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. (45 minutes).
- * Agawam High cheerleaders and gymnastics: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (30 minutes).
- * Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics: 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (30 minutes).
- * Academy of Artistic Performance: 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. (15 minutes).
- * Springfield Turnverein (gymnastics): 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. (30 minutes).
- * Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (60 minutes).
- * Shooting Star Dance Center: 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. (15 minutes).

This will be one fun-filled event. Don't miss it!!!

Expert to share tips for good networking

Sasha ZeBryk of Agawam, president of SashaSpeaks Seminars and Business Woman of the Year 2000 of the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts, will speak before the East Longmeadow Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) on Wednesday, October 24th, 7:00-8:30 a.m. at Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria at 674 Bliss Rd. in Longmeadow.

ZeBryk's topic will be "The Six Savvy Rules of Networking."

"Studies show that in the first seven seconds, people make judgment about us that are difficult, if not impossible, to change," said ZeBryk. "Knowing how to put your best foot and face forward, immediately creates an opportunity for positive recall."

Participants in this visitor's day workshop will learn why selling is a "sin" at networking events, how to qualify the people they meet and put them into three categories, and how to introduce themselves in a way that starts conversations and gets them remembered,

recalled and referred.

Business Network International (BNI) is a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members. Because BNI trains members weekly at meetings, members experience business growth by duplicating their marketing efforts through word of mouth. BNI is especially powerful and successful because each chapter has only one member from each profession or business. ZeBryk's upcoming presentation is part of the ongoing training given to each BNI member.

The East Longmeadow BNI group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at Bertucci's in the Longmeadow Shops. Visitors are always welcome. There is a \$5 breakfast charge to attend this special meeting. Reservations, however, are required as seating is limited. For more information and to reserve your seat, call chapter president Jim Foard at (413) 750-5612.

Legal Memo

by
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Negligence

Nursing Home - Failure to Monitor Patient

The plaintiff was a 51 year-old man who was retarded from birth and had recently been placed in a nursing facility. The admission intake sheet stated that the plaintiff required assistance while toileting. On a certain date, the plaintiff's guardian received a telephone call from the facility alerting the guardian to the fact that a minor accident had occurred. The message had stated that the plaintiff had slipped, fallen, and was complaining of pain in his leg.

The plaintiff's guardian then called the facility and requested that he be brought to a local hospital for an evaluation. The facility responded by saying they would need a doctor to make a referral before any transfer could take place. They allegedly added that they did not believe any medical care was necessary.

Several hours later, a referral was made and the plaintiff was taken to the hospital. X-rays showed a non-displaced fracture of his right femur. The plaintiff was placed in a cast for eight weeks and forced to utilize a wheelchair. After the cast was removed, the plaintiff was deemed healed.

Discovery revealed that the plaintiff had been placed in a men's room under a nurse's supervision. At some point, the nurse was reportedly called out of the room, leaving the plaintiff unsupervised. At some point, the plaintiff claimed to have heard his name and believed the nurse was calling him. He got up off the toilet, still with his pants around his ankles, and attempted to exit the men's room. The nurse returned to the room when she heard the plaintiff fall and begin to cry.

The plaintiff's counsel argued that the plaintiff endured psychological trauma as well as physical injury as a result of the incident. After his cast was removed, he was forced to use a walker. He then reportedly grew mentally dependent on the walker and refused to walk without it, even though he had no physical disability that required the use of a walker.

The plaintiff also became withdrawn and fearful of the men's room. For months after the accident, he required the use of a bed pan as he refused to use the toilet.

As a result of the accident, the plaintiff incurred medical expenses totaling less than \$5,000.00. The case was settled for \$150,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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"Carmen Avenue so called a private way in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, be laid out and established as a public way from a point at its intersection with Maynard Street to its terminus at Liberty Street under the provisions of law authorizing the same and also to layout and establish the grades therein."

hereby gives notice that it shall meet at the intersection of Carmen Avenue and Maynard Street on Monday, October 29, 2001 at 5:30 P.M.

to:

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- * Estimate any damages resulting from a taking.

Joseph Mineo, Chairperson
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STREET ACCEPTANCE COMMITTEE

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of Twelve Sixty Suffield, Inc. dba Coffee Pause Co., Inc., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition to the existing facility at the premises identified as: 1260 Suffield Street.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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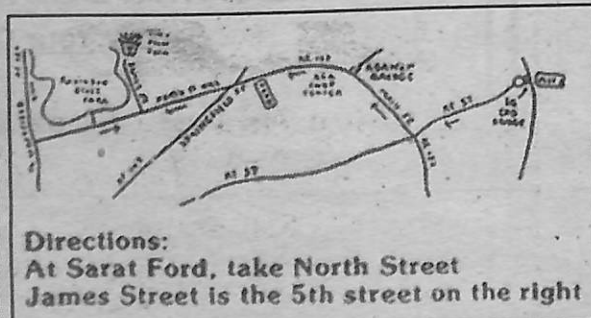
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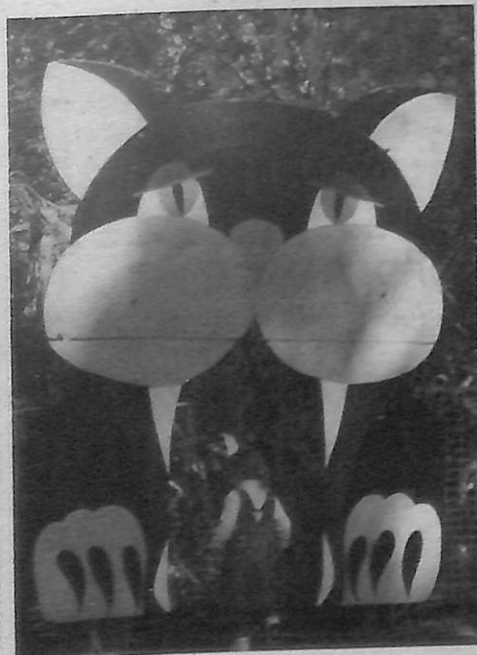


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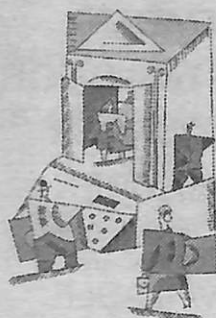
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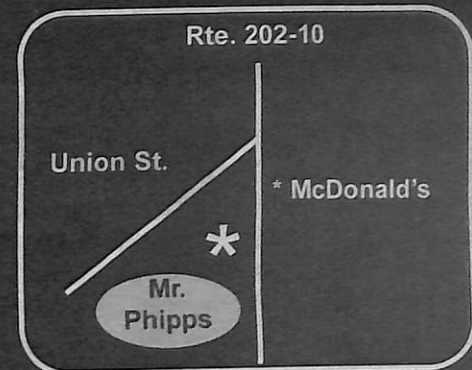
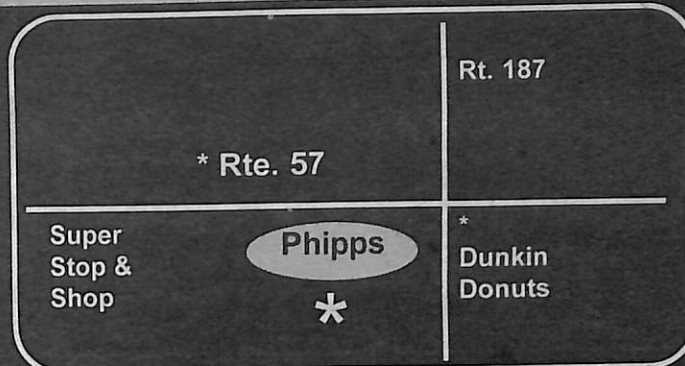
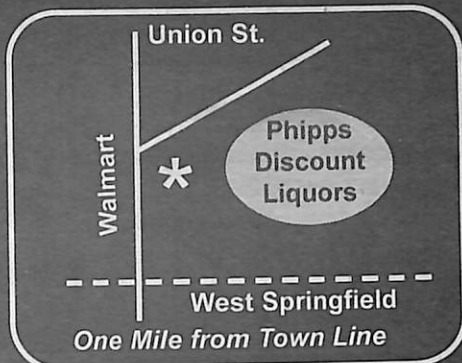


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On October 23rd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Dr. Sobel will be presenting "If You Are Not Laughing, You Are Not Living: A Unique Seminar Designed To Reduce Terminal Seriousness, Decrease Stress, and Uplift Your Life." The cost is \$15 per person.

On November 14th, Dr. Sobel will be presenting the seminar "Play Hard or Go Home: Providing World-Class Customer Service and Creating a Superb Team." The cost is \$20 per person.

Pre-registration information can be received by calling 1-800-874-7189 or 565-5000. Seating is limited, and both programs will be held at the Best Western Hotel, Route 5, West Springfield.

Free educational seminar at The Atrium

The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam is hosting a free educational seminar entitled "Help for the Caregiver: Ways to Better Communication with the Memory Impaired." The program will take place on October 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Explore the role of validation therapy, verbal and non-verbal communication, and reminiscing. The presenter will be Susan Brooks, RN, MS, MEd, director of The Atrium and a well-known educator in the community.

Seating is limited, and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or to reserve a space, call The Atrium at (413) 821-9911.

Blood drive on Oct. 12th at Heritage Hall South

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Tips on how to rake properly...

Do you look forward to autumn and the beauty of the changing leaves? Do you enjoy this time of year so much that you wish it would last year-round? Then you probably do not have a yard full of trees shedding leaves by the acre.

If you find yourself spending every Saturday at the end of a rake, these are a few tips to keep your back in good health:

* **Stretch.** Yes, I've said this before, but it is important to loosen the muscles before actively using them.

* **Keep your back straight.** This is your back's strongest position. Try to keep your spine straight. Most injuries occur during the twisting and bending motion (as when filling a bag with leaves).

* **Use your leg muscles.** Let them do the lifting. Keep a slight bend in the knees and hips.

* **Take frequent breaks.** Take a moment to rehydrate with a cool glass of water. (Don't forget - colas and tea contribute to dehydration.)

* **Jumping in a pile of leaves is great for stress relief - try it!** Make sure the pile is good and high (less strain on the back).

* **To really decrease strain, have your children rake the leaves!**

* **If you are sore after exertion, apply an ice pack to the area for 10 to 15 minutes each hour.** If the pain from an injury does not go away in a day or two, call our office for an appointment.

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Your Back And Your Health

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Raking Leaves

The vibrant colors of changing leaves with crisp, cool air can attract even the most homebody out-of-doors for a couple hours of leaf-raking.

For those with larger yards and more trees, the task of leaf-raking can become a dreaded yearly occurrence.

For many of us, this yearly ritual causes aches and pains, especially in the lower back. In some, the pain just won't go away.

Leaf-raking is a strenuous activity to the muscles and ligaments of the lower back. All that twisting and pulling is especially hard on the spine.

To prevent those undesirable problems, it's important to keep your back in good shape. Warm up before beginning your work.

Slowly stretch and limber up the muscles in your back. Don't forget your leg and arm muscles, too!

Remember to alternate raking from the left and right sides to maintain proper balance of the spinal muscles.

When loading leaves into a bag, be sure to bend your legs rather than your back. Keep these bags small when the leaves are damp and heavy.

Have regular check-ups with your chiropractic physician. By maintaining proper alignment of the spine, your chance of more serious spinal problems is less.

The doctor of chiropractic may advise against this activity depending upon the condition of the low back.

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Preparing to say good-bye.

Read more about this in today's *For Your Health* column.

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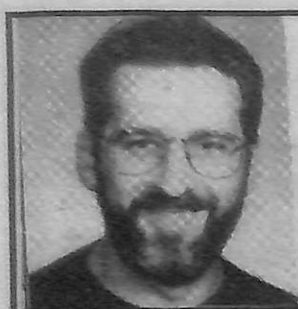
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My wife, Mary Ellen (Mellon), and I have been co-authors of a book about life with our second child, Julia Gene. We've chosen to share our story of love with you each week over these several months. We are nearing the final chapter. Last week, I included a short piece written by a friend describing our ride in his big, black car to the cemetery. Today, Mellon reflects on her experience of the morning's events.

Chapter Eleven - Julia's place (part two)

Tues. - Day 15

I awoke the morning of June 1 (1991) knowing it would be a day forever imprinted on my soul. I fell asleep the night before with Julia being the last thought on my weary mind and heart, only to wake having Julia's presence right there with me again.

The morning had an "oddness" about it. It wasn't a regular weekday feeling, nor a Saturday or Sunday morning feeling. It was very unique and special. I was to bury my little girl today!

The graveside burial service was at 10:00 a.m. We were all ready ahead of schedule. It had rained the night before and was a damp, overcast morning. The sun was trying its best to peek through the heavy, dark clouds. We decided to let Kevin go outside for a while to play on the swing set in the backyard. He wore his long-sleeve pajama shirt, covered by an un-buttoned, bright blue, short-sleeve shirt. He wore his multi-colored slacks with his multi-colored, slip-on sneakers. He put on his Mickey Mouse cap and royal blue windbreaker and hood. Before exiting the yard, Kevin asked if we could tape on his Crayola markers to his wrist. His playfulness and imagination knew no limits

on this or any other day.

Dan, Steve, and I found ourselves keeping Kevin company on our backyard deck. Steve wore a dark, two-piece suit with a tie. Dan wore a comfortable pair of slacks, a blue sports coat with no tie, and I wore a new blue-and-white, one-piece stripped dress bought just the other day for this occasion. It felt odd standing there all dressed up, as if we had prepared to go out to a party or (what would have felt more appropriate) our daughter's Christening ceremony. But instead, we were going to say good-bye to Julia and place her in her final resting place, **Julia's Place**.

As odd as the moment was, it was also special. We set Kevin up with a camera and he captured the moment.

When 9:45 a.m. arrived, it was time to depart for the cemetery. The anxiety grew for me. I was, however, comforted by the security offered by Steve's big, black Lincoln towncar. The same car and company that had earlier last week carried me safely to Julia's side in Boston, was now carrying me and my family to Julia once again.

We drove slowly through the streets of Agawam. We were all silently preparing to carry forth the intimacy and connection for one another and Julia. I was so scared! I didn't know what was to come, nor how I might respond to this opportunity for an even deeper connection with my friends, family, Julia, God, and myself.

The car made its way slowly down the long driveway from the Main Street entrance of the cemetery. As we inched closer, I was in awe of all the vehicles that had lined the roadway. I was touched. The car was escorted to a space awaiting our arrival nearest the grave site.

We sat behind the dark-tinted windows for a final few precious moments of private reflection. The doors opened and I became immediately aware of my visibility to everyone gathered. It was scary for me to know that so many people cared for me, Dan, Kevin, and Julia.

Many of the same people who attended the evening service were here. Many others were with us

for the first time. Among the new faces were my older brother, Paul, and his wife, Maureen. They had just heard of our sad news the day before and traveled early this morning from Philadelphia. They stopped in Brooklyn, New York (my hometown) to pick up my two younger sisters, Cathy and Jennifer, who also wanted to make the long trip to be with us. I was surprised, pleased, and felt very supported by their presence. Did I deserve all this, I wondered?

We walked past four or five rows of gravesites to get to the very back row alongside the long row of hedges. We had purchased only a half-plot, feeling that we were too young to purchase a family plot at this time. The crowd parted in silence as we were escorted to stand above Julia in her tiny white box surrounded by fresh-cut flowers. It was a breathtaking sight. I took in my surroundings as best as possible. Then, my vision went inside the (now-closed) casket to capture one last look at Julia's little body. I trembled! My heart raced, silently aching and screaming inside me. I wished I could have screamed out my heartache, then and there!

We surrounded Julia's Place, Dan to my left, Steve to my right. Kevin found his way into the secure and tender arms of Uncle Mike. Everyone gathered closer and began to spontaneously join hands. I could feel the union and presence of friends, family, and co-workers intimately connecting, in this most precious of moments, with Julia at Julia's Place. Then, Kyle - our friend and minister - began the service.

Next week - Chapter Eleven:

Julia's place - Day 15 (part three)

Your feedback is welcome. Your real life stories are, too! Please e-mail, call, or write me with what you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you.

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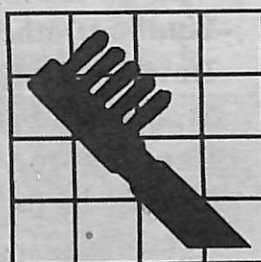
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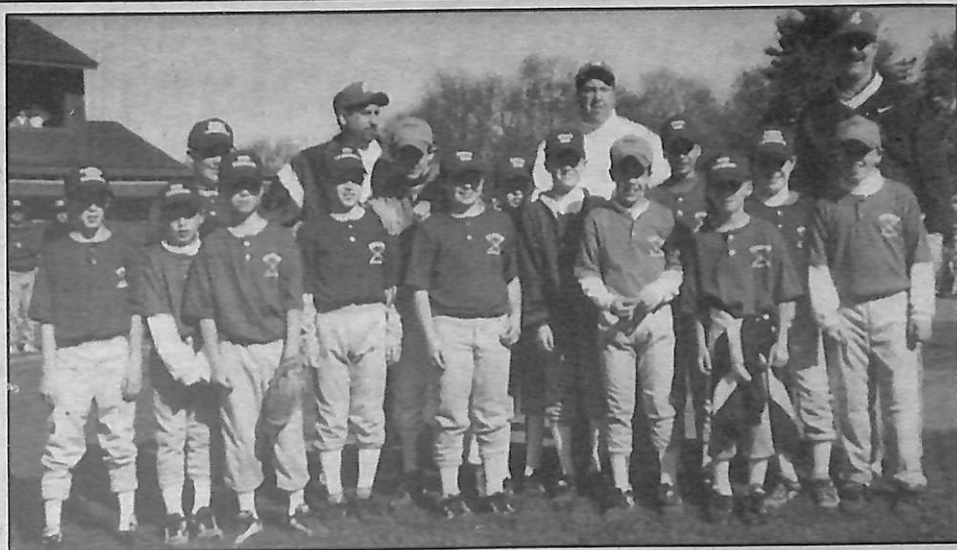
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Enjoying a great steak dinner...

Sometimes you just want a great steak. When I go out for a steak, I enjoy the Ivanhoe in West Springfield and John's Pizza in Chicopee. When I can't get there, I do this at home. Stop in at a local butcher like Ye Olde Butcher Shop in West Springfield, or go to North Elm Butchers in Westfield and ask for your favorite steak to be custom-cut for you. (I suggest either a Porterhouse or a rib eye for a really good steak dinner.)

On the Porterhouse, I want the tail on and I want it at least 1-1/2 inches thick; if you're really hungry, go for a two-inch thick steak. I season a steak with just salt & pepper and a little olive oil, and allow the steak to rest for about 10 minutes. I make seasoned butter beforehand and have it in the fridge, waiting for the "call to action." I like my steak medium rare; I used to eat them well done ... or, as Larry Bird says, "ruint."

A beautiful Italian girl showed me the error of my way and converted me to medium rare. Once you have cooked that steak, place a dollop of the seasoned butter. As it melts over the steak (adding flavor), it gives another quality to your dinner.

Start your butter by roasting garlic. Cut the top off and drizzle some olive oil and cracked black pepper on the garlic; now, roast in the oven until the whole thing is golden brown. Allow the garlic to cool. Now, you can squeeze out the garlic and toss out the husk. While I am roasting the garlic, I roast red bell pepper, too. Just deseed them and remove the stems. Now, process the bell pepper and the garlic together. (Use one head of garlic and two bell peppers to each stick of butter.)

Next, let's try a bleu cheese butter. You can call it gorgonzola or whatever you want, but it's bleu cheese. Take 1/4 lb. of crumbled cheese and 1 TB finely chopped fresh dill to a stick of butter and blend together. For this next one, you will probably say, "John has slipped a gear," but give it a try.

Take 1/2 stick unsalted butter and an equal amount of chunky peanut butter. (See, I told you!) Now, add 1 Tsp red pepper flakes, 2 TB coconut milk, and thoroughly blend the juice of 1/2 lime and 1 Tsp soy sauce. It's really good; you just have to dive in with an open mind.

Oh, by the way ... anybody who knows as much about steaks as that girl did, you keep them around - I married her! Remember, it's not what you're eating, it's whom your dining with.

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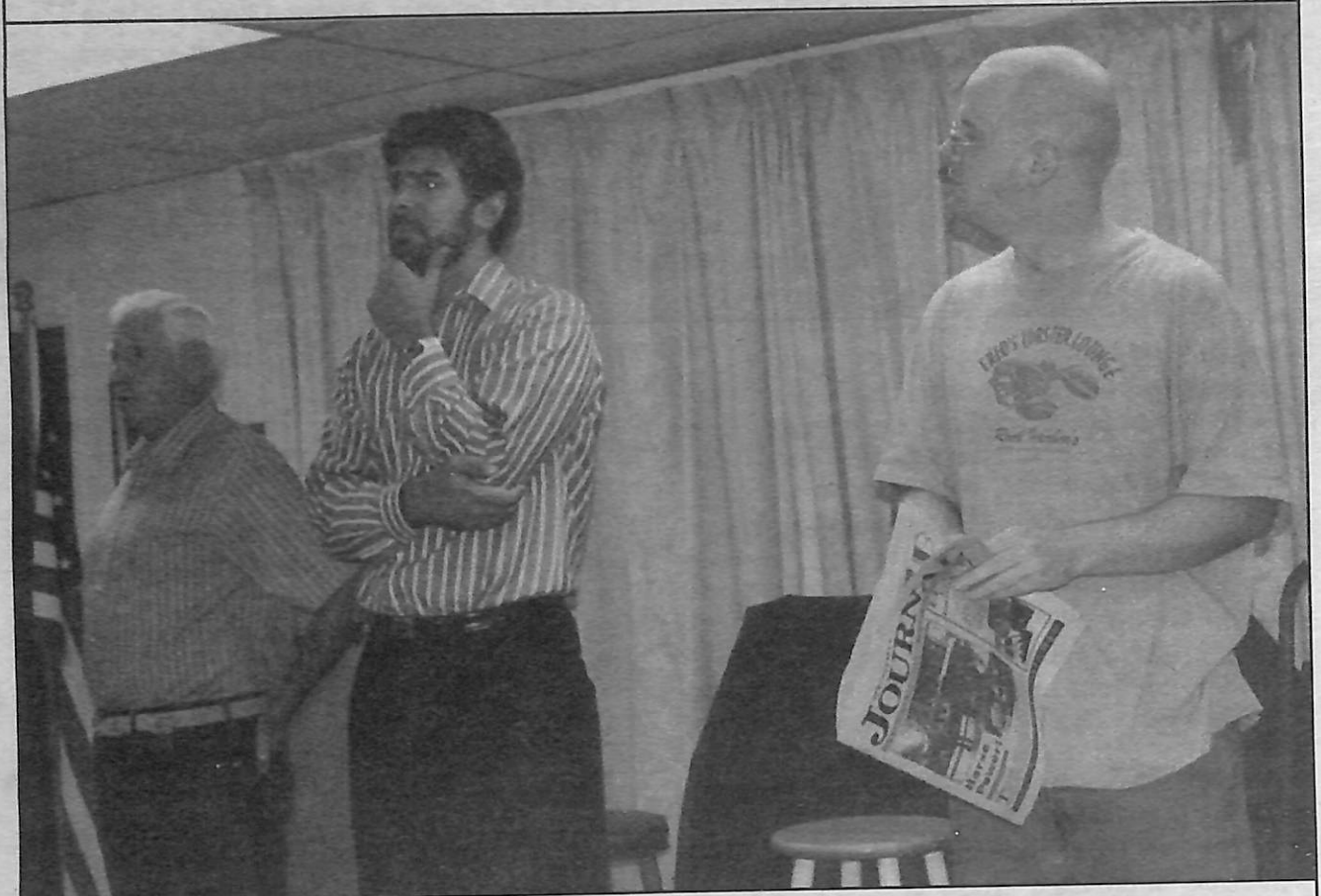
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"Great Pretenders" to open show...



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Three artists - pianist Leon Bates, soprano Sebronette Barnes, and baritone Cedric Cannon - will join Maestro Kevin Rhodes and the SSO in a performance of the memorable and magical music of America's favorite composer.

A sparkling program of vocal and piano music from the Gershwin song book will include selections from *Porgy and Bess* and classics like "Fascinatin' Rhythm," "The Man I Love," and "Strike up the Band."

The concert will feature many other great songs, such as "Summertime," "I Love You Porgy," "My Love Is Here To Stay," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," and the concert finale, "Rhapsody In Blue."

This evening's performance is sponsored by Verizon. Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (using VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) by calling (413) 733-2291.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$40, and are half-price for youths from ages four to 17. A 25-percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra invites you to "Be an Ear Witness" to the grandeur of George Gershwin's greatest hits at the premiere Pops Concert of the 2001-2002 season.

- ADVERTISER NEWS -

Nationally acclaimed puppeteer returns to perform "Jessica's Friends"

Judith O'Hare, founder of the YOU AND ME PUPPETS, will return to Agawam to perform "Jessica's Friends" on Saturday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Judith St. Jean O'Hare, a native of Agawam, now lives in Reading, Massachusetts. She travels extensively to perform and give teacher training in the art and craft of puppetry. For the past 13 years, she has been the artistic Director of Puppets: Education Magic, a conference for educators that was held at Merrimack College in Andover this past June.

She is the education consultant for the Puppeteers of America and is a past president of the Boston Area Guild of Puppetry. She is one of New England's premier puppeteers, and she has several awards from local and regional arts and puppetry organizations for her contribution to the cultural life of her community and puppetry in education.

To find out more about the You and Me Puppets, check out the web site: www.youandme.puppets.com.

On Saturday, October 13th, Judith will return to her

hometown of Agawam to perform for the Agawam Public Library at the Phelps School. Judith attended the Phelps School as a child and remembers being the announcer for elementary school production of Hansel and Gretel that is now one of the puppet productions in her repertoire. "It is always a homecoming when I return to Agawam to perform," she said.

"Jessica's Friends" is a special production for children and families. As with all of Ms. O'Hare's shows, this show includes children. During the production, children from the audience are invited to participate and become puppeteers with her. It is a story that lingers in the minds of the children after the show is over.

The Agawam Public Library, which is in the midst of renovations, welcomes families, seniors, and elementary school students to this production, which will be held at the Phelps School, Saturday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact the Agawam Public Library at 413-798-1550.

Agawam Cultural Council to sponsor trip to New York City

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring a "plan your own" trip to New York City on November 17th.

There are many activities such as museums, plays, and other cultural events which are available for people going on the trip.

Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue, and included in this list are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, the Times Square show ticket booth, and 34th Street. Time of departure is 6:30 a.m.,

and the return trip will leave New York City at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council," and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$22.

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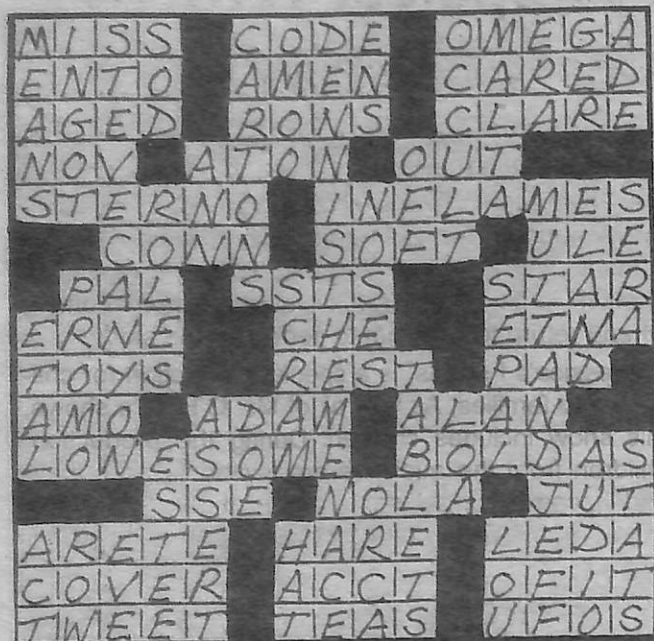


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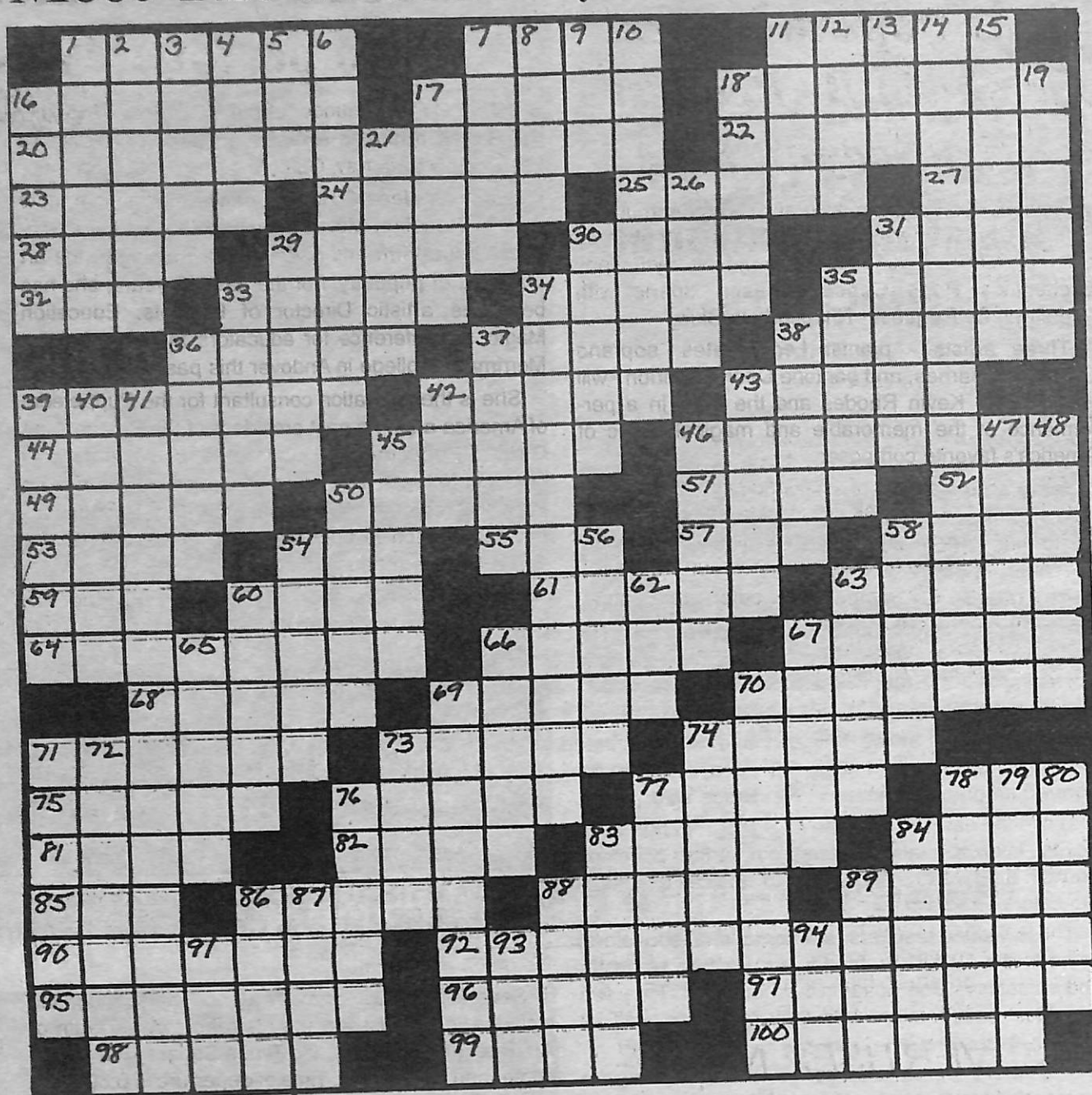
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Education

AFS and Visiting Teachers Programs assist international educators

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Visiting teacher Maritza Griffiths arrived in New York on August 22nd from Bolivia and then came to Agawam on August 25th to assist Spanish Mentor Teacher Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, with the support of the Agawam American Intercultural Programs (AFS) program and the AFS Visiting Teachers Program.

The Visiting Teachers Program is a one-way program, with no reciprocation of teachers from America, that is run by the AFS Global Educators Program, according to Ms. Bruce.

The AFS program was originally called the American Field Service Program and was founded after WWI and was one of the first internationally recognized programs in America, Ms. Bruce said.

Since the early 1970's, the AFS program has been hosting international educators from partner countries around the world, according to the AFS Global Educator's Program.

These visiting teachers (or international educators) come to the United States for usually one semester and sometimes one academic school year. They live with local host families and they teach, as well as learn in local schools.

The AFS Program also states that depending on the need of the local schools and families, the visiting teacher may stay in one school during their stay or several schools or districts in the program. The visiting teachers may also stay with one family or several during their time in America.

There are many goals of the AFS Global Educators Program and they include the following objectives: to provide educators with intercultural experiences that enhance the way they teach; to change the lives of young people as they learn about other countries and cultures; to enhance intercultural understanding in schools and communities; and to provide the visiting teachers with an exchange experience that demonstrates the growing independence of countries.

The Visiting Teachers Program is the "hosting half" of the AFS Global Educators program.

"We've had five visiting teachers at the Agawam High School since 1991 and this is the fifth Latin American teacher," Ms. Bruce said. "We love this program in Agawam!"

The AFS program allows visiting teachers to come to America from places such as the Far East, Latin America, South America, and other countries, Ms. Bruce said. "Essentially, every teacher has their own motivation and primarily the teacher program is an education exchange," Bruce said.

"I like to speak with the students in my own language and hear how they can speak my language," Agawam High School's Visiting Teacher Maritza Griffiths said. "I also like how the students are interested in my language and about the culture in my country."

The visiting teachers come to America to improve their English skills, learn and share teaching methodologies, observe everything about the American school system, and to give pieces of their own culture to the school community as well as the community at large, Ms. Bruce explained.

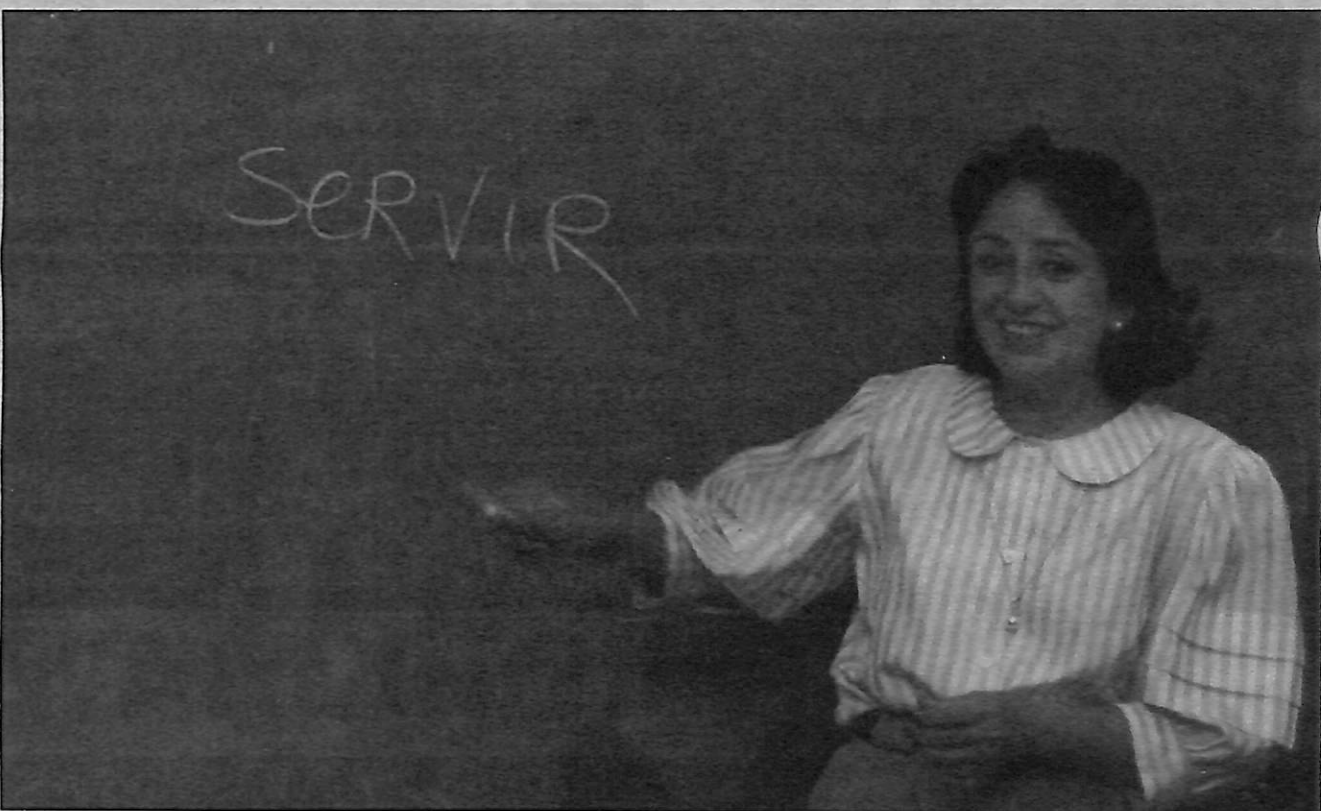
Ms. Bruce said the visiting teachers receive no monetary compensation. They are here at their own expense, however, visiting teachers who teach in Agawam through AFS do receive a small stipend.

"This is an incredible opportunity for me as a mentor teacher to have a native speaker of Spanish in my classroom and to have first-hand cultural experience to share," Ms. Bruce said.

Although Mrs. Griffiths said she "loves her country,"



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S Spanish Mentor Teacher Mary Ellen Bruce (left) is pictured with visiting teacher Maritza Griffiths from Bolivia, who will be in America until January. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.



MARITZA GRIFFITHS, AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL visiting teacher from Bolivia, instructs students on the Spanish word "servir," which means "to serve." Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

she said that living in America and working in a public school is very different than living and working in schools in Bolivia.

She believes that Agawam High School has "everything" for their students, including good teachers as well as good organization at the school. "It's not the same in Bolivia. Public schools don't have as many opportunities," Mrs. Griffiths said. "The salaries are also very low in Bolivia and it's better to teach in a public school in America."

For five years, Mrs. Griffiths studied language and linguistics in Bolivia at the University of Bolivia.

The requirements to become a visiting teacher include a bachelor's degree in teaching or humanities, the ability to speak English, to be younger than 65 years-old, and to want to come to America to teach.

However, Ms. Bruce said the Visiting Teachers Program is competitive and more people apply than actually get selected.

"This semester, five Bolivian teachers were selected to teach in the United States," Ms. Bruce said.

In addition to being Spanish Mentor Teacher at Agawam High School, Ms. Bruce is also an AFS

member, a student club advisor to the school's AFS club, and an advisor to the four AFS students who are currently seniors at AFS.

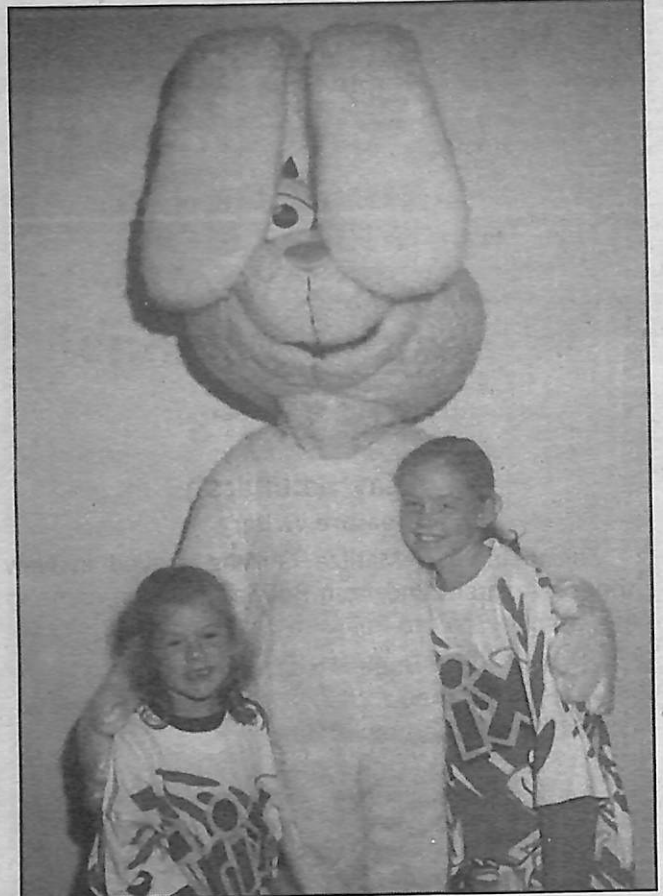
Ms. Bruce said she has been involved in the AFS program for 15 years and it's become "second nature" to her, as it has to many other members in town.

"The Agawam School Committee has been very accepting and flexible with the AFS Program," Ms. Bruce said. "AFS has a very good track record in the town. We are so pleased the AFS program has been so supportive!" Ms. Bruce said.

Ms. Bruce also mentioned there are other organizations in town who support the teachers and the students with services and contributions.

"We are very thankful for everything!" Ms. Bruce said. "We receive wonderful talent, community support, parent and school support, and Ric Sardella (president of local AFS chapter) is the glue that holds all the pieces together."

Mrs. Griffiths is living with Diane and Rory Chase in Feeding Hills during her stay in America, which will come to an end in early January. "They are very nice



In left photo: "Trix the Rabbit" (Barbara Lussier) recently paid a visit to Granger Elementary School to promote the School Lunch Program with Food Service Director Joseph Lecuyer (left). Also in photo are Robert Narey, territory manager for General Mills Company, and Fran Baker (right), cafeteria manager for Granger School. In right photo: Trix is hugged by helpers Delaney (left) and Alexis Lussier. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.

To promote the lunch program...

"Trix the Rabbit" pays a visit to Granger School

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

For those of us of the "older persuasion," thinking back to our school lunches may bring back memories of unappealing, unappetizing, and unsatisfying meals that often ended up in the trash.

Along with the technological advancements and educational changes and improvements that have taken place over the years, alterations and modifications have also taken place in the Food Service Program of the Agawam Schools.

Recently, the Agawam Schools and General Mills became partners to promote the lunch program at Granger Elementary School.

Kindergarten students were visited by the Trix rabbit in their classrooms, where they each received a Gogurt (similar to a push-up pop, but filled with yogurt). During their lunches, all students received a container of Trix yogurt, provided by General Mills.

According to Joe Lecuyer, Food Service Director, "We have been trying to provide a variety of foods for students, and it has been a huge hit." He added, "The students seem to be adapting to the new menu. With the success of the Trix Rabbit and Trix yogurt, we hope to do more promotional events in the future with other schools."

While the yogurt was being handed out to each student, the Trix rabbit walked around the cafeteria, waving and shaking students' hands. When he eventually left the room, the students broke out in a chant - "We love Trix! We love Trix!"

The yogurt was provided by Bob Narey, Territory Manager for General Mills, and the Trix rabbit was played by Feeding Hills resident Barbara Lussier.

As we witnessed that day, school lunches have certainly changed and have definitely improved over the years. Parents can rest assured that today's school lunches are being enjoyed and eaten by their children.

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and supportive and are very strong supporters of AFS," Mrs. Griffiths said.

Griffiths has a husband and a 22 year-old daughter, who is studying to be a lawyer in Bolivia.

"I miss my family very much," Mrs. Griffiths said.

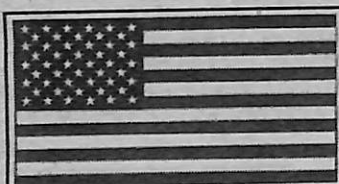
Mrs. Griffiths said she would like to thank all the AFS members in Agawam. "They are all great people and I can depend on them for support I need during my stay," Mrs. Griffiths said. "I also want to say thank you to Mary Ellen. She is great with me and understands any troubles I have."

Mrs. Griffiths said she has made a diverse circle of friends in the community, who also help her with her needs. "The biggest problem [with having a visiting teacher] is transportation," Bruce said. "We all try to share the responsibility, but I see that it sometimes frustrates Maritza."

Ms. Bruce explained that it would not be constructive to transport a vehicle or change Maritza's license, since she is only staying for one semester. It would involve a lot of time and money and it is more productive for her to teach and learn during her stay.

"Agawam High School is lucky to be involved in the AFS program. It is well rooted in the community and has great dedication to the teachers and students in Agawam," Ms. Bruce concluded.

So far, Mrs. Griffiths has taken a few trips since arriving on August 25th, including a day visit to Newport, Rhode Island, a UMass football game, a hike of Mt. Greylock on Columbus Day, and a day at Yankee Candle Company and the Butterfly Museum in Deerfield.



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Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

Agawam High School

Mon., Oct. 15th: Gilardi's pizza round, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, assorted pudding.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Burger on a bun w/condiments, baked potato rounds, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, Jello w/topping.

Wed., Oct. 17th: "Spicy" chicken pattie on a bun in wrapper, chips, fresh chopped cole slaw, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: Five honey BBQ chicken wings, steamed white rice, garden salad w/dressing, assorted chilled fruit, "wacky" cake.

Fri., Oct. 19th: Beef-filled taco boat w/the works, steamed white rice, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Junior High School

Mon., Oct. 15th: Nachos w/cheese sauce & salsa, warm breadstick, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, assorted pudding.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Cheeseburger or burger on a bun w/condiments, baked potato rounds, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, chocolate Bavarian.

Wed., Oct. 17th: Gilardi's stuffed crust pizza, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-based cookie.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: Five honey BBQ chicken wings, steamed white rice, fresh vegetable sticks, assorted chilled fruit, "wacky" cake.

Fri., Oct. 19th: Grilled cheese sandwich, individual chips, seasoned broccoli cuts, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Middle & Elementary Schools

Mon., Oct. 15th: Poke'mon cereal w/milk, individual Trix yogurt, Poke'mon fruit roll-up, 100% orange juice cup, fresh Mac apple.

Tues., Oct. 16th: Burger on a bun w/condiments, baked potato wedges, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, white cake w/frosting.

Wed., Oct. 17th: Gilardi's pizza round, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked cookie.

Thurs., Oct. 18th: Baked pretzel w/cheese sauce, buttered rotini w/broccoli cuts, assorted chilled fruit, assorted Jello w/topping.

Fri., Oct. 19th: Hot dog on a roll w/condiments, individual Doritos, vegetable of the day, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Agawam High School guidance news

Military: Congratulations!

Alex Morgan: U.S. Marines

College Acceptances: Congratulations!

Lauren Powell: Arizona State University

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 15th: Nichols College, 10:00 a.m.; St. Joseph College, 12:15 p.m.

October 16th: Stonehill College, 10:00 a.m.

October 22nd: Siena College, 8:00 a.m.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Big Y Scholarships: All Big Y scholarships recognize academic merit and achievement. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the Big Y area. Big Y customers and their dependents and Big Y employees and their dependents are eligible to apply. Deadline: February 1, 2002.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to qualified students who plan to enroll at that institution: Manhattan College; Scholarship Competitions in French and Spanish; University of Rochester; Fitchburg State College; Catholic University.

Open Houses: The following colleges are hosting

Open Houses. See your counselor for more information.

Keuka College: October 20th.

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services: October 21st.

Fordham University: November 11th.

The University of Vermont: October 20th, October 28th, November 10th.

Bryant College: October 28th.

Skidmore College: November 12th.

Allegheny College: November 10th.

UMass Boston: October 27th.

Suffolk University: October 27th.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges: October 27th, November 10th.

Guidance E-Mail Addresses: The following guidance e-mail addresses may be used to access counselors at any time:

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jwilliams@agawampublicschools.org

Williams:

Pack 77 Cub Scouts to hold bottle drive & car wash Oct. 13th

Pack 77 Cub Scouts will be holding their fall bottle drive/car wash on Saturday, October 13th, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in St. John's parking lot. The cub scouts have been visiting their neighbors, asking for the redeemable bottles and cans for our bottle drive.

The funds earned go towards camping, supplies, training, belt loops, pins, patches, and awards that are used throughout the year. If you would like to donate your redeemable bottles and cans, you can call Cathy at 786-5103 or stop by St. John's on Saturday (and get your car washed, too).

Thanks for supporting Pack 77 Cub Scouts!

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Bay Path College holds Open House for prospective students

Bay Path College will hold an open house program for prospective students and their families on Saturday, October 20th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the Longmeadow campus of the private, undergraduate college for women.

Participants will tour the campus, and attend two mini-classes of their choice as well as a presentation by a parent, student, and transfer student panel. Following lunch, there will be personal interviews with the admission counselors and the opportunity for a "same day admission decision." Financial aid and scholarship assistance will also be available.

To register for the October 20th open house and choose mini-classes, please call 413-565-1331; toll free, 800-782-7284, ext. 331; e-mail, admiss@bay-path.edu; or visit the Bay Path website, www.bay-path.edu.

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Open House scheduled at WNEC in Spfld.

Western New England College will host high school seniors and their parents at an open house on Sunday, October 14th, from 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The event is free, but advance reservation is requested by calling 1-800-325-1122, ext. 1312, or 413-782-1312.

During the Open house, students and parents will tour the campus, attend sessions on the first-year experience, learn about the breadth and depth of academic programs, and chat informally with coaches, faculty, and student ambassadors. They will also attend a panel presentation for a candid and unrehearsed review of what it is like to be a first-year student at Western New England College.

Western New England College offers students a special learning environment through its Learning Beyond the Classroom program, which places emphasis on learning which can and does take place in experiential activities. The program includes internships, leadership experiences, and community service. Students may have "real world" experiences that tie into classroom learning, such as the Mason Square Project, where students survey local businesses from a Springfield neighborhood.

AIC welcomes 328 new freshmen

American International College recently welcomed 328 new students to its ranks for the fall semester. New students come from 16 U.S. states and nine countries, including Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Germany, Brazil, and Singapore.

Among the new students are the following area residents:

From Agawam: Anthony LeClair, Michael Tercyak, Jessica Viecelli.

From Feeding Hills: Gennady Belyshev, Kish Book, Megan Gaffney, Francis Mazzei, Jennifer Pease, Jenny Rohan.

The students were treated to a week-long orientation the first week of classes, which included several new facets this year. In addition to informational meetings and registration sessions, students were also grouped with Peer Mentors (upperclassmen available to assist new students throughout the semester), treated to a cookout and carnival, and enjoyed several on-campus events such as a comedian, a concert, an outdoor movie, and a hypnotist.

Founded in 1885, AIC is a private, four-year, coeducational institution with over 30 majors in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Psychology and Education, Business Administration, and Health Sciences.

AHS School Council Agenda

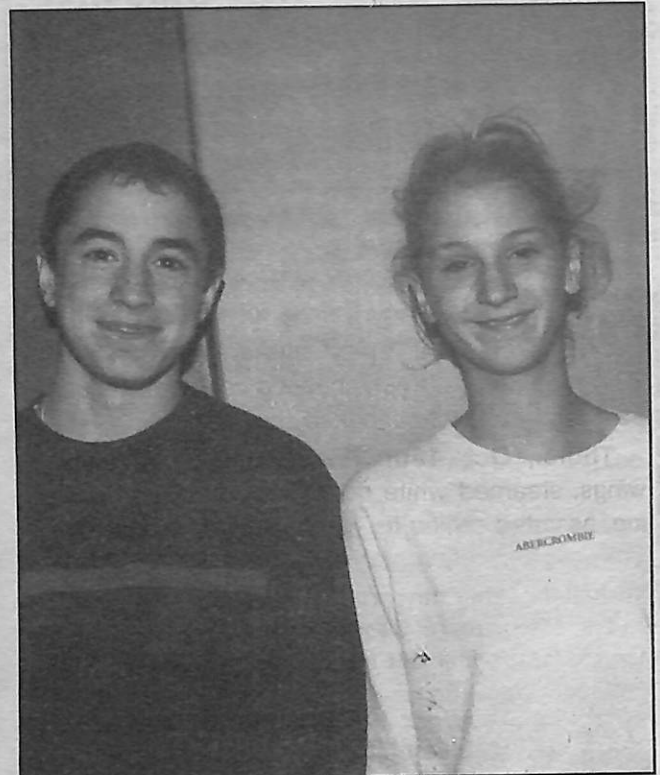
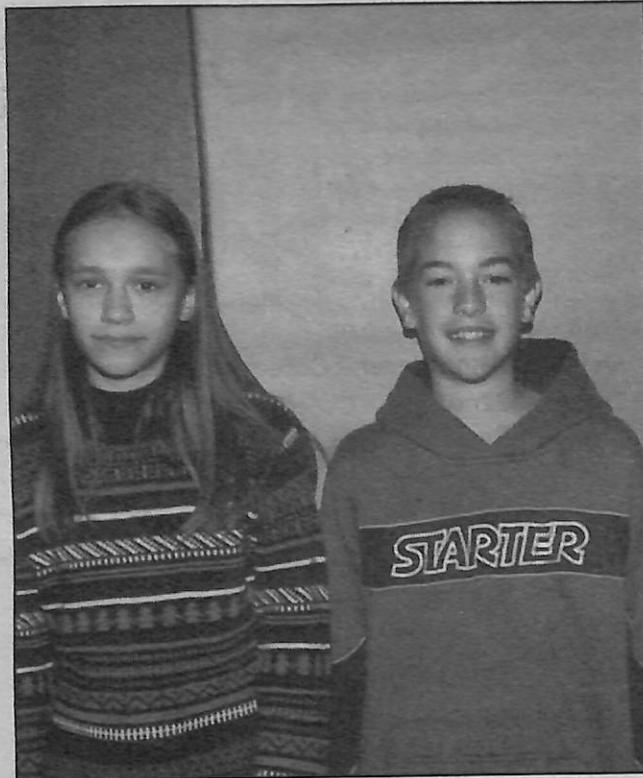
DATE: Thursday, October 18, 2001.

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Teachers' Cafeteria.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the September 13th, 2001 School Council Meeting - Approval.
2. Financial Requests.
3. Review of School Improvement Plan.
4. Other.

September students of the month



PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Students of the Month" at the Agawam Junior High School for September are (left photo) Maria Surzhukov and Bryan Roy, seventh graders, and Matt Niles and Keeley Conte, eighth graders. Advertisers News photos by Kathy Shepard.



LUCIA SANTANIELLO



EMILY GORDON

Agawam girls excel at prestigious piano competition

Miss Emily Gordon, daughter of Robert and Kathy Gordon, and **Miss Lucia Santaniello**, daughter of Fiore and Rosa Santaniello, have returned victorious from **The 100th Anniversary Piano Competition** of the American Guild of Music.

This prestigious event was held in Troy, Michigan. It is recorded to have approximately 4,000 entrants in this National competition.

Miss Gordon was awarded First Place in Length of Study Division and First Place in Test List Division. She also received a perfect score of **AAA** in the

Evaluation Division. Miss Gordon qualified for the National competition by placing in the top five of her Age Division. She is a student at MacDuffie School in Springfield.

Miss Santaniello returned home with Fourth Place in Length of Study Division and Fourth Place in Test List Division. She received a perfect **AAA** in Evaluation.

Miss Gordon and Miss Santaniello are students of Mrs. Ellen Buoniconti, owner of **The Music Cellar**. We are very proud of these young Agawam residents.

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From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Parenting or Pestering

This morning, I was thinking about these two words and how inextricably they are intertwined. I don't think one word can really exist without the other. Please let me explain.

In order to parent effectively, it is important to "stay on" your children. You must be aware of what they are doing, not be afraid to ask questions, and be able and willing to establish boundaries. In a way, this intrusion can be called pestering, but I would rather euphemistically call it parenting.

Just the other day, a parent called me on the phone to discuss his son's progress, or lack thereof. He just couldn't understand why his child was doing so badly. He said, "You know, we give him everything. There's food on the table at night, he has all the clothes he needs, and we even pay for the insurance on the car. He has a great room where he can study and a state-of-the-art computer. What possibly could be the problem?"

"Well," I explained, "it is apparent that he does have some wonderful tangible things, but what about the intangible ones? I mean, do you set times when he

should be doing homework? Do you check to see that it is done? Do you give him a curfew so he does not feel free to stay out all hours? Do you tell him what is expected of him in school and help him achieve this? Do you listen to him when he comes home from school and help him sort out his problems? In other words, Mr. Jones, are you a true presence in his life. Are you in his face?"

Mr. Jones thought for a moment. I could almost hear him hemming and hawing. Finally, he retorted, "No...I mean, I wouldn't want to be accused of pestering him."

"Ah, Mr. Jones, but that's where I believe you are wrong. In order to really parent, you need to pester. You need to make certain that things are occurring. You need to give direction. A matter of fact, if truth be told, your son really wants you to pester him."

"You know, kids like to act as if they are all grown up, as if they know everything and we as parents know nothing. Recently, I was giving my eldest son some directives. He is a lawyer and has a wonderful young family. After I spoke, he looked at me and asked, 'How old am I?' Not skipping a beat, I said, 'I know how old you are, but you are and will always be my son. And when I stop pestering, it means I have stopped caring.'"

So, my readers, don't be afraid to pester. Just be certain that what you pester about is meaningful, appropriate, and doable. Children need pestering since they need direction, they need motivation, they need encouragement, and they need your interference. Yes, they need your parenting and pestering is part of the parenting package!

Oct. 16th meeting for Agawam Parent Advisory Council

Knowledge is power. Calling all parents of school-age children. On October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School cafeteria, there will be a meeting regarding the organizing of the Agawam Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.).

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Sports



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE leaders and members of the 2001 varsity football team at Agawam High School. This Friday evening (October 12th), the Brownies will be looking to chalk up their second victory of the fall campaign, as they travel to Westfield to face the winless Bombers.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Varsity football...

Holyoke's Purple Knights build huge lead before handing the Brownies a 42-14 setback

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It was another bummer for the Agawam High football Brownies last Friday evening - a 42-14 loss to Holyoke up at Harmon Smith before a large crowd on a beautiful fall night.

The Knights just had too much of everything for Agawam in this AA Conference encounter.

Agawam (1-4, 1-3) travels to winless Westfield (0-3, 0-3) this Friday night. Holyoke (4-0, 3-0) will have a big one at Central (3-1), also this Friday.

The Purple Knights scored on their first four possessions - a two-yard run, a 41-yard pass, a 25-yard pass, and a one-yard run.

It was 28-0 Holyoke before the place had even filled up with a big crowd on another fine night (weather-wise) for football.

Agawam got its first score on a pretty play.

Junior quarterback Joe Clark took the kickoff after Holyoke's fourth TD at his own 10. He got an excellent block from Tony Carestia 10 yards upfield, which essentially sprung him loose. Clark got another block from Jeremy Mahue at midfield to wipe out another Knight and it turned into a footrace, which Clark won handily to score a 90-yarder with 9:40 left in the half.

His dad, Pete (who is an assistant with the team this year), liked it: "Joe went to a couple of camps over the summer. He lifted a lot of weights, too. He's bigger, faster, and stronger."

With 5:30 left in the first half, the Brownies' defense finally managed to stop the Holyoke offense and give the ball back to the Agawam offense ... and they cashed in.

It was first and 10 on their own 23-yard line. Ryan Lottermoser (16 carries, 110 yards) was the featured back in the drive. The junior racked up 38 yards on five carries and suddenly the ball rested on the Holyoke five-yard line for his sixth TD of the season.

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Clark bulled it over from there with 3:46 left in the half.

The big play was on fourth and two from the Knights' 33 when Agawam went for it and Lottermoser brought the ball down to the five.

The extra point was no good, but Agawam narrowed things to 28-14. The drive covered 77 yards on eight plays and took just under two minutes.

That would be it in the scoring department for the Brownies. "Holyoke is a very skilled team. And when a team like that outscores you early, it's tough to play catch-up," said Agawam Coach Tad Desautels. It would stand 28-14 Holyoke at the half, as the Brownies missed a golden opportunity to narrow the gap even more with a first and goal on the Knights' two with 29 ticks left. Clark's pass was picked and the Knights' were able to weather a huge momentum swing that began with Clark's 90-yard TD run. Holyoke completely dominated the second half.

The second half did see some bright spots for the Brownies. Carestia would have an interception. Brian Pedersen and Brendan Cayer would team up on a sack. John Slatchetka played well. But overall, the Agawam defense was under constant siege.

"We didn't give up, though," emphasized Desautels.

And they didn't. Agawam played as hard at the end as it played at the beginning.

One nice thing; there were some freshmen in the booth - they had just beaten the Purple Knights' frosh, 28-0. "Wait until we get on the varsity," they all said. When he was informed of those comments, Desautels remarked with a smile, "I like to hear that kind of confidence."

Agawam didn't have a couple of big guns in this one (running backs and "D" backs as well). Brian Michel (ribs) was out, as was Mike Piccin (broken left wrist). Both were missed.

AGAWAM STATS:

Rushing - Clark, 9-61, TD, plus 90-yard kickoff return, TD; Lottermoser, 16-110; Montavio, 3-10; Carestia, 3 carries minus 5 yards; Santi, 1-18; Perry, 2-12; Santaniello, 1-8; Sullivan, 1-1.

Passing - Clark, 2-10, 21 yards, 2 int, 1 sack minus 5.

Receiving - Mike Locke, 1-3; Tirone, 1-21.

Sacks - Pedersen, 1/2; Cayer, 1/2.

AGAWAM: Rushing - 37-222 yards; passing - 2-12-21 yards; total - 243 yards.

HOLYOKE: Rushing - 32-172 yards; passing - 10-18-253 yards; total - 425 yards.

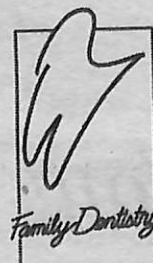


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Varsity field hockey...

Rams hand AHS third loss of the season, 3-2

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This was a field hockey battle between two coaches who have a high regard for each other - Agawam High's Carla Lemnah-Warner and Southwick's Sue Pelligrinelli. Southwick won, 3-2, thus avenging a 2-1 loss to Agawam back in September (which was Agawam's first-ever victory over the Rams).

Agawam went to 7-3-2. The Rams, who are pretty much out of the playoffs, are 3-5-3.

Southwick - a field hockey force in Western Mass. for years - is going belly-up this season. But they got up enough ammunition against the Brownies to take care of the early-season setback.

After a big Brownie rush to start things off, the Rams came back. Kari Barnowski scored on a cross with 5:30 off the clock.

Agawam was trying. Jess Roy, senior Ally Nowell, and junior Nichole Gutowski led a rush. Danielle Borsari was there for the shot. But Southwick keeper Erica Brown was there for the save.

Southwick scored again with 25 minutes gone on a left-circle cross. It was 2-0 Southwick.

That's the way the first half ended.

Krista Wheeler, Laura Zerra and Nowell attacked to start the second half. They were run off. Eric Porth just missed a shot five minutes in on an effort from 15 yards out on the right side.

Agawam scored on a Sarah Ritter effort in the mid-circle nine minutes in. Porth had the assist.

Four minutes later, Southwick came back and scored to make it 3-1. At that point, Agawam was down on the scoreboard, but they were outshooting the Rams, 4-1.

With 9:30 left, Agawam came back a bit. Gutowski rang one up, making it 3-2, Southwick.

It would stay that way to the end.

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"Meet the Team" night on Saturday, Oct. 27th, for the Massachusetts Twisters

The Massachusetts Twisters, a professional indoor soccer team, will present "Meet the Team" night at its home in the Eastern States Exposition Moses in West Springfield on Saturday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

Professional indoor soccer came to West Springfield when the Massachusetts Twisters moved its home from Uxbridge, Massachusetts to the Coliseum at the Eastern States Exposition. The team will play its third season inside the Coliseum at the Eastern States Exposition.

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will hold pre-game clinics for youth soccer players on game night at 6:15 p.m. (with advanced registration). The \$20 fee includes game-night admission.

Discounts for advanced tickets are available at the Massachusetts Twisters office at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, (413) 821-0020.

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Varsity girls' soccer...

Second-half goals push Brownies past West Side, 2-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

How big was the Agawam High girls' soccer 2-1 win over visiting West Springfield Tuesday evening?

"Huge. It was a pivotal game. We have to think about the playoffs now and where we'll fit in when the seedings come out," Coach Laura Wray-Ramos beamed as her kids celebrated on the sidelines.

Agawam went to 6-3-2. West Side, pretty much out of the playoff picture and just playing a very good spoiler, fell to 3-4-5. The Brownies (14 pts.) need just four more points to qualify for the Division I playoffs (18 pts.) for the first time since 1997, and only the second time since 1994.

It was, of course, West Side who tied them one-all last week in a game that saw some good Brownie offense and a territorial victory that still allowed West Side to score a second-half goal for the tie.

They were not going to let such a thing happen again to their age-old rivals. And it didn't. Both Agawam goals were textbook as was the Terriers' goal. Across the board, this was an enjoyable game to watch, especially the second half (scoreless first half).

West Springfield got off on offense early before Agawam came storming back behind freshman Tiff Manzi, who scored the winning goal, and frosh midfielder Elise Davilli. Manzi had a header off a lead pass from leading scorer Amanda Janik that just missed with 2:13 off the clock.

Agawam was again playing without one of their key kids, midfielder Jess Newalu (who plays so well coming off the bench), so kids had to step up.

Agawam was back again after marking the Terrier midfielders off the ball. Manzi, who is a digger all the way, lobbed one in on West Side keeper Jackie Thibault, who made the save.

The Brownies were getting their shooters ahead of the ball, which meant they ran to the passes mostly in a space with good lanes to the West Springfield goal. And the defense wasn't letting their guests clear and set up the ball.

Finally, West Side got into Agawam territory with 6:35 off the clock and Dena Polverari got a free shot, which was blocked away by the up people.

Junior center forward Kaitlin Sardella and Janik then went to work in the right side of the Terrier box. They were joined by fullback Lauren Peltier (one of Agawam's talented freshmen) and veteran midfielder Jenna Shea. It was obvious what the Brownies were doing - spreading out the field instead of bunching.

Shea, Manzi, and Janik worked a deal with 13:01 gone. Manzi got the pass and just missed wide right. Lindsay Valliere, on defense with a leg in, helped foil that Agawam effort.

It was all Agawam at 25:03. Senior sweeper Amanda Blair and her mate on defense, senior Desiree Marsili, were tracking down every West Side shooter with a notion. Agawam had a right corner at 22:10. Davilli took it, but Thibault made the save on a shot out of the melee.

Rachel Bulewich had a semi-break a minute later.

Junior stopper Danielle Cireillo, a sprint star on the track team, ran her down.

Sophomore goalie Meghan Gloster came out for a nice save at 19:59.

Things were starting to get physical. Peltier, Manzi, and Sardella were dishing out some licks. On the other side, Nicole Bongiovanni, Jess Rivers, Katie O'Brien, and Bulewich

were banging bodies as well. It was good stuff. Sardella, running here, there, and everywhere (with help from Peltier and Janik), drove in on a midfield attack. Janik got off the shot. It was blocked nicely 30 yards out by Larivee.

West Side was forced to boot the ball out of its zone and Agawam got caught short. Rivers had a break, but Blair and Cirillo had enough speed to double down on her, erasing the threat.

West Side was starting to dominate late in the half as the Brownies bunched up again and had too many players in the defensive zone. They had a good left wing deal going with 4:25 left. The shot had some hope, but senior midfielder Jill Lawson kicked it out of harm's way.

They had another great opportunity from the left crease a minute later. Gloster went parallel and made the save.

Without her effort, it would have been in.

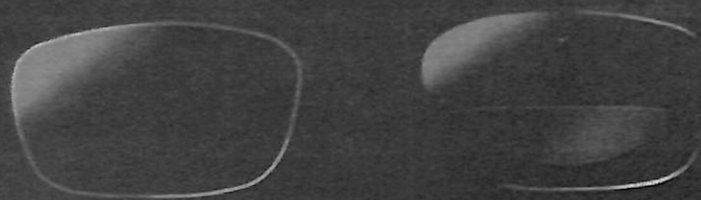
With five seconds left in the half, Janik had a bullet of a shot, but it grounded just wide, 10 feet right.

It was a bagel apiece going into the half. Agawam had five shots on goal. West Side checked in with three.

Evidently, Terrier Coach John Franco told his kids to bring the hammer down, because they came out for the second 40 in an ugly mood. Sardella got leveled immediately. Lawson was hit down and Davilli got slapped pretty good. All of this happened in the first 1:30.

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Profile...

Curtis Miarecki gives Agawam High football leadership and grit

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Lineman Curtis Miarecki is a key member of the Agawam High football team.

Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days as a Brownie.

Curtis turned 18 years-old on September 27th.

He stands 6' 1" tall and weighs in at 225.

He has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS.

Currently, Curtis is taking practical law, economics, computer application, English 12, journalism, and myths and legends. He is a sportswriter for the school's newspaper, the *Mirror*.

U.S. history was his favorite course.

Dean Vecchiarelli (chemistry) is his top teacher.

Right now, he is looking at Bridgewater State and Westfield State to major in education. He'd like to teach history.

Curtis has played varsity football for three years. He is a co-captain this season. He is also a member of the track team, where he throws the javelin and heaves the shotput.

Football is his sport.

His best sports memory was beating West Springfield in his sophomore season on Thanksgiving Day.

He sees the football campaign (where the Brownies are 1-4) as a tough one because of the AA conference, where the best teams in Western Mass. inhabit. But he notes that they haven't given up, and says the team is especially looking forward to this Friday night's game (October 12th) versus Westfield at Bullens Field.

His favorite food is the teriyaki steak at the King Yen Restaurant in Agawam.

Brown is his color.

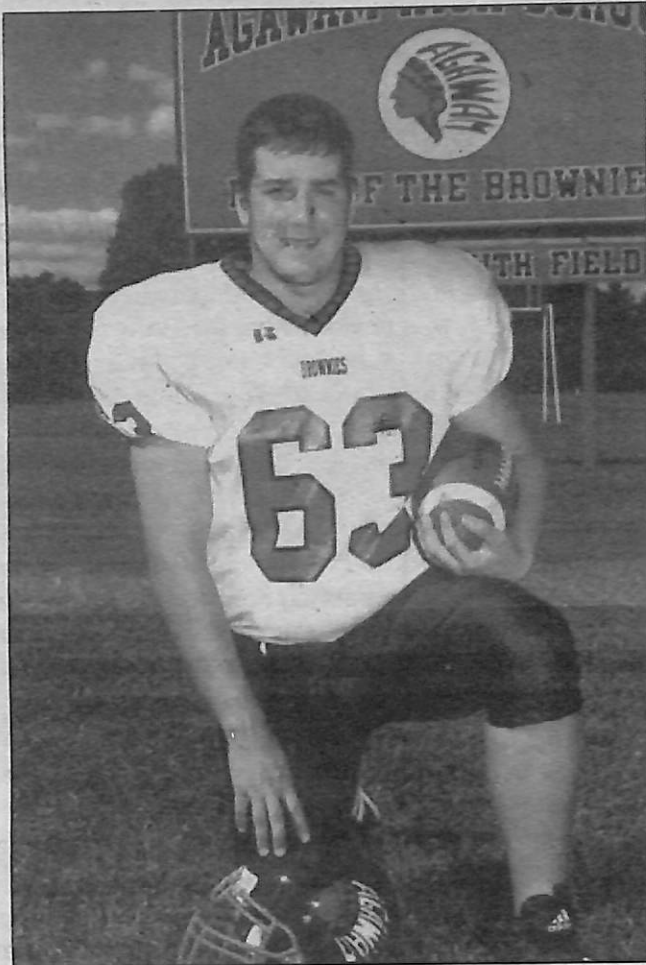
His ride would be a black 1963 Corvette Stingray.

Roger Clemens of the New York Yankees is his top jock.

He likes to hang out at his own house.

He likes comfortable clothes like sweatshirts and jeans.

Classic rock is his favorite form of music. Pink



CURTIS MIARECKI

Floyd and Led Zeppelin are his top groups.

"The Simpsons" is tops on the tube for Curtis. "Forest Gump" is his favorite flick.

Kim is his mom. Jim is his dad. He has a sister, Jen, who is a sophomore at the High School.

Freshman football Coach and varsity wrestling Coach Kirk Parker is the person he looks up to the most.

Varsity football Coach Tad Desautels had this to say about Curtis: "He's a tough kid and a leader. Curtis came back from a serious injury last season (a broken tibia and a dislocated ankle). He is a strong presence on both defense and offense."

League to begin in November...

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West Side came in on a break led by Rivers. Janik, Manzi, and Lawson were back to mark off and clear the ball.

Cirillo brought the ball way upfield and had a shot after that which was saved by Thibault. Janik came back with a drive a minute later which was blocked by the defense. The Terriers, led by O'Brien, Valliere, and Jaime Marcus, were playing some heads-up defense. Manzi had a breakaway at 29:20, but was ridden off the ball by West Side's Ashley DiStefano.

Things were getting intense and West Springfield took first advantage of it. They penetrated into the Brownie crease and Sarah Dickson took the shot from five yards out with 26:40 left and beat Gloster.

Down 1-0, Agawam probably couldn't stand it all that much. In a little bit of shock (maybe), the Brownies dodged a bullet when Rivers crossed a ball to Bulewich with 22:45 left. It should have been in, because Gloster - for all her skills - wasn't expecting such a thing, but it hit the side of the net.

Maybe that was the wake-up call Agawam needed. They needed a big push and got it as Davilli and Sardella picked up to midfield by beating people to the ball.

Janik, using her size, drove into the crease and took a pass from Cirillo. Janik flicked in an off-balance shot to make it one-all at 20:22.

It now came down to who wanted it more. Agawam would have their second score set up by Peltier, Marsili, and Blair. They cleared the ball after a big Terrier rush. It came out to the Agawam midfielders who sent it in. Janik had the ball and passed to Manzi streaking down the middle between the defenders. She had the shot from 10 yards out and pulled the trigger, giving Agawam the game-winner with 5:30 left.

The Brownies had six second-half shots on goal for a total of 11. West Side came in with three for a total of six.

AGAWAM STATS: GOALS - Janik (10th), Manzi (4th); ASSISTS - Janik (9th).

SOCCER BOOTS: Agawam extended its unbeaten streak to seven straight with a 1-0 win over Minnechaug Regional on Wednesday, October 3rd, in Wilbraham. The scoreless duel was broken with 20 minutes left in the game when Danielle Cirillo lobbed a 45-yard direct kick into the goalmouth as a melee ensued for the ball. No one touched it. The ball bounced directly over the goalie's head and into the twine. Megan Gloster registered the shutout.

Agawam's seven-game unbeaten streak - the longest in recent memory - ended with a 2-1 loss to defending league champion East Longmeadow (the 2000 Division II state champs) at Harmon Smith Field on Friday afternoon, October 5th. Agawam stunned EL just 1:26 into the game when Kaitlin Sardella raced 50 yards up the left wing and centered the ball into the middle of the penalty area to Amanda Janik. She trapped, turned, and crushed the ball into the net.

It remained 1-0 AHS until EL scored midway through the second half, and then the game-winner came with under four minutes to go. This was by far the most intense and physical game of the season (as the refs allowed pushing, shoving, grabbing, holding, armbars, forearms, etc.) and EL, a highly-skilled and athletic team, took much better advantage than the Brownies.

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Rebecca Crum named to 2001 women's soccer team

Former Agawam High soccer player Rebecca Crum has been named to the 2001 Bridgewater State College soccer team, which is currently coached by Andrea Zeigler in her third season at BSC.

Crum is a 2001 graduate of AHS, where she participated in soccer and track. She is a midfielder for the Bears this season.

Crum is a freshman at Bridgewater State College and, at the present time, is undecided in her choice of major. She is the daughter of Donald and Diane Crum of East Longmeadow.

These Brownies are always on the run...



THE MEMBERS OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S boys' cross country team (pictured above) are under the helm of Coach Bill Dillon and demonstrating their respective talents during the 2001 fall season. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mawaga Club slates "Fall Trout Classic"

The Mawaga Sporting Club (located on Adams Street, Agawam) will be hosting the "Fall Trout Classic" on Sunday, October 14th.

The grand prize is \$200 for the largest trout caught, as well as hundreds of dollars in other prizes.

No fishing license is required to participate.

In addition, this event will feature door prizes, a big raffle, and free coffee and donuts with tickets. A full breakfast and lunch will also be served.

The gate opens at 7:00 a.m., and the fishing will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entry fee is a \$15 donation.

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ASA announces Elections and Appreciation Night

Annual elections will be held on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian Sportsman Club. This meeting is mandatory for all coaches and assistants. Both In-Town and Pioneer Valley coaches must attend this meeting.

Each team is allowed one vote for each position on the board. All positions are up for election. If you are a parent, coach, or simply someone interested in making a difference in our soccer community and for all of Agawam's children, please consider running for one of these positions.

Becoming a board member is an exciting experience and can add greatly to your knowledge on how our Town of Agawam has become one of the leaders in youth soccer. We also have the opportunity to host one of the most successful tournaments in all of the Northeast. You will make a difference in the future of our children's sport. With the right people and the teamwork of a good board, we can make this sport more exciting and rewarding for the youth of Agawam.

The ASA will also be holding our Annual Soccer Appreciation Night on Saturday, November 3rd, from 6:30 to 12:00 midnight at the Polish-American Club. This event is for all coaches, assistants, parents, and volunteers. A D.J. will provide our entertainment, and there will also be a raffle. The meal will be buffet style.

The cost of the ticket will be \$13 per person. All tickets must be purchased in advance; they will not be sold at the door. They will be available at our elections meeting. Deadline for tickets will be October 23rd. This is a great night of fun for all. Please join us to unwind from this fall season; you deserve it!

For tickets or information, please contact either Darlene Kedzior, 789-0454, or Dee Adams, 786-9085. You may ask any board member or coach for tickets.

Raffle winners from our Jamboree are as follows: first prize (\$500), Jim and Pearl Stefanik of Agawam; second prize (\$250), Pedro Rivera of Springfield; and third prize (\$100), Marisa Blais, also of Springfield. Congratulations to our winners.

The following is a summary of positions on the ASA Board of Directors:

PRESIDENT - Duties include calling/running monthly meetings, appointing special committees, and will also act as overall chairperson for all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT - Responsibilities for coaching education and clinics, the scholarship committee, and the yearly Soccer Appreciation Night Party.

VP IN-TOWN - Responsible for the administration of In-Town soccer activities and serves as advisor to the Director of Boys' and Girls' In-Town soccer programs.

VP PIONEER VALLEY (Travel Teams) - Shall be responsible for the administration of Pioneer Valley affairs and shall oversee and serve as the advisor to the Director of Boys' and Girls' Pioneer Valley programs.

REGISTRAR - Coordinates fall and spring sign-ups, handles registration forms, and manages a database of all soccer players and coaches in Agawam.

DIRECTOR IN-TOWN GIRLS - Shall be responsible for the coordination and operation of the League and assist the Vice President of In-Town affairs in the selection process for team rosters.

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DIRECTOR OF REFEREES - Shall be responsible for the scheduling and payment of referees.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - Shall be responsible for all tournament affairs held in the town of Agawam. The Director shall also maintain accurate records of all income and expenditures for each tournament.

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Agawam Youth Football - Week Five

SENIOR GREEN

The Senior Green Warriors visited the Easthampton Eagles on Sunday looking for their first win. The opening kick-off was run back by the Eagles for a touchdown, putting the Warriors behind 6-0 early.

The offense for the Warriors sputtered throughout the first half. The Eagles' offense moved the ball effectively and scored two more times to make the halftime score 18-0 in favor of Easthampton.

The Warrior defense - led by Anthony Jimenez, David Depalo, Mark Jerserski, Nick Roberts, Tom Barker, and Brendan Struck - got fired up in the second half. They consistently stuffed the Eagles' running game with inspired play. Linebacker Vinny Waite, John Dominick, Jonathan Crothers, Chris Cross, and Rob McTaggart chipped in with several big plays on defense. The Eagles went to the passing game, only to be stopped by the fine play of Jimmy Ricco at safety. Anthony Jimenez, John Dominick, and David Depalo sacked the Eagle quarterback several times, causing two turnovers.

It was the offense's turn to get on track. The offensive line - led by Adam Plante, Bryant Cesan, Michael Yo, Nick Roberts, and Mark Jerserski - started to open some nice holes for running backs Vinny Waite, Rob McTaggart, Ryan Barrington, and John Dominick. The Warriors scored on a reverse to Jonathan Crothers that went for 30 yards. The two-point conversion was successful on a quarterback keeper by John Dominick to make it 18-8.

The special teams - led by Keith Gendreau, Keith Wellington, and John Rossi - converted on an onside kick to get the ball back for the Warriors' offense. A long pass from Jim Ricco to Jonathan Crothers just missed as the wind took the ball long just off Jonathan's fingertips. The defense kept the Eagles' offense off the scoreboard in the second half. Time ran out as the momentum had clearly changed in the Warriors' favor. They visit Quaboag this week, still looking for their first win.

JUNIOR BLUE WARRIORS BATTLE TO TIE

The fifth week of the Suburban Amateur Football League brought the Longmeadow Knights to Memorial Field. The Orange Crush defense was locked in a defensive battle all game long.

In the first quarter, a fumble by the Warriors put Longmeadow inside the 10-yard line, but the defensive unit withstood the assault (keeping Longmeadow from any chance of getting into the end zone). The defensive line of Scott Luginbuhl, Jim Devoe, and Scott Reardon - with linebackers Andrew White, David Cook, and Mark Hardy - kept the Knights from putting points on the board.

In the first half, the Warriors' offense was able to move the ball up and down the field, but a couple of turnovers stalled the drive. The offensive line - led by Phillip Scoville, Frank Liberti, Garrett Gable, and Nate Lovotti (with the help of Corey Brennan) - controlled the opposing defensive front with little difficulty. They inspired running backs Colin Hensel, Rashad Wright, Jim Mackin, Nick Sliech, and Jake Ferretti to gain some tough yards running the ball.

Longmeadow scored the first touchdown of the game in the second quarter, but when they went for the important two-point conversion, linemen Frank Liberti (with six solo tackles), Phil Scoville (with QB sack), Jimmy Mackin, and defensive ends Rashad Wright and Blake Dutilly swarmed the Longmeadow running backs and kept Longmeadow from capitalizing, make the score at the half 0-6.

The third quarter found the Warriors recharged and raring to go. Strong rushes by RB's Colin Hensen, Jim Mackin, and Rashad Wright moved the ball steadily downfield to the six-yard line. QB Brendan McNeish ran the QB draw play up the middle, with Phil Scoville blazing the trail, and scored the first Warrior touchdown of the game.

During the Warriors' kick-off, Longmeadow was able to return the ball inside our five-yard line, but the Warriors' defense did not lose their cool. Longmeadow tried four times to get into the end zone, but was denied. It was an incredible team effort led by



THE AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADERS SENIOR SQUAD. Back row: Coach Patti Dionne, Egypt Dunbar, Ashley Brinkmann, Lindsey Surprenant, Alyssa Bonavita, Alison Dassatti, Lauren Sotolotto, Lisa Couture, and Assistant Coach Colleen Messier. Middle row: Ashley Martin, Makila Messier, Samantha Fruwirth, Tifani Sherbo, Brittany Michel, Stephanie Obue, Jessica Santinello, and Nicole Payeur. Front row: Rachel Dionne, Erica Morris, Stacey Caplette, Rose Gallagher, Laura Cote, Tiara Ghedi, and Jessica Kodess.

the entire defensive unit, especially Frank Liberti, Josh Ayotte, Jake Ferretti, Phil Scoville, Pat "Big Foot" McKeever, David Cook, Anthony Stork, Mark Hardy, Colin Hensel, Andy White, and Jim Mackin.

The goal-line stand fired up the players and coaches for the beginning of the fourth quarter. The offensive line came on strong, picking apart Longmeadow's

defense and making lanes for RB Jim Mackin and Colin Hensel. During the drive, on a key fourth down (needing three yards for a first down), Nick Sliech blasted through the middle for four yards to keep the drive alive.

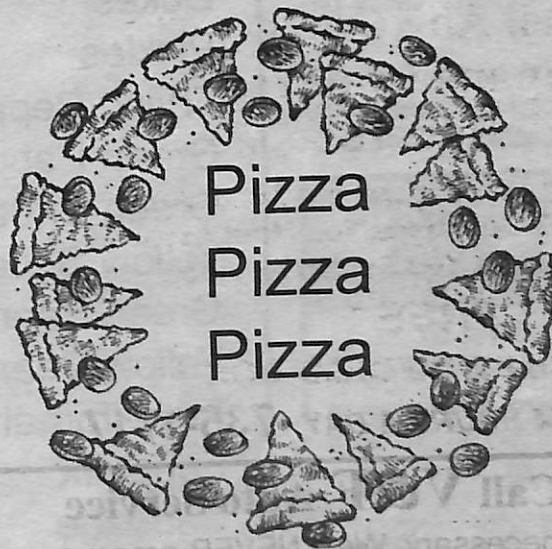
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Italian Sporting Club holds golf tourney



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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



JASON HANSCOM

At Bridgewater State College...

Jason Hanscom named to 2001 men's soccer team

Jason Hanscom of Agawam has been named to the 2001 Bridgewater State College soccer team, which is currently coached by Lou Verrochi in his first season at BSC.

Hanscom is a graduate of Agawam High School, where he participated in soccer, baseball, and basketball. He is a midfielder for the Bears this season.

Hanscom is a senior at Bridgewater State College, majoring in physical education. He is the son of Michael and Mary-Sue Hanscom of Agawam.

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The B and B Connection struck for the fifth consecutive week two plays later, when QB Brendan McNeish ran a play action pass to WR Blake Dutilly that covered 60 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was a QB keeper, making the score 14-6.

Longmeadow obtained good position on the kickoff and was able to drive the ball into the end zone to tie the score at 14-14. With 2:50 left on the clock, Longmeadow attempted an onside kick, but Josh Ayotte of the Warriors' special teams came up with the ball (with the assistance of Josh Blood and Paul Vermette). QB Brendan McNeish had gone out with an injury in the last drive, but back-up QB Frank Sacco stepped up and was on a game-winning, Elway-like drive to the goal line ... but the clock ran out of time. The score ended with a tie at 14-14. The Warriors will play the last home game of the season against Northampton this Sunday. Come out to support your undefeated Warriors.

The Junior Blue Team dedicated this game and the remainder of the season to linebacker Evan Spear, who suffered an off-the-field injury and will be out for the remainder of the season. The players - with Head Coach Bill McNeish and Coaches Nick Ferretti, Mark Hensel, Bob Anderson, and Mark Stevens - wish Evan a speedy recovery!

PEE WEE GREEN**WARRIORS 06 - EASTHAMPTON 12**

The Pee Wee Green Warriors traveled up to Easthampton for an exciting game against the Easthampton Eagles. The Warriors' defense dominated the whole game. The hard hitting of Jordan Kuenzi and Dominic Serra set the tone for the rest of the Warriors' defense.

The defensive line of Brandin Munson, Cody Smith, Jack Cowell, and Shane Lafond spent most of the day in the backfield of the Eagles, destroying anything that came their way. The Eagles only had a handful of plays which gained positive yardage, two of which resulted in long runs for touchdowns. Josh Heinbokel, Troy Stebbins, Nick Boucher, Joe Suffriti, and Giani DePalma also contributed in shutting down the Eagles' offense.

The Warriors came out playing hard and giving everything they had. Their offense started slow, but in the second half made some adjustments and began moving the ball. Giani DePalma powered up the middle with big runs set up by the excellent blocking of Shane Lafond, Joe Slaimen, Brandin Munson, Cody Smith, and Jack Cowell.

The big runs by DePalma set up the touchdown run by Joe Suffriti, who had been running hard all day. Nick Boucher had a big run on a reverse play set up by great blocking from Alex Watkins, Troy Stebbins, and Jordan Kuenzi. The Warriors once again just ran out of time, and came up short by one touchdown.

The Pee Wee Warriors showed that they have toughness and stamina, as they played with only 13 players. All 13 kids played both offense and defense,

and gave 100 percent in every play of the game.

They travel to Quaboag this Sunday to try and get that elusive next win. Once again, the fan support was great and the kids and coaches appreciate everyone coming out and cheering for them.

PEE WEE BLUE WARRIORS LOSE CLOSE GAME TO LONGMEADOW, 18-12

Memorial Field was the sight of a hard-fought battle between the Warriors of Agawam and the team from Longmeadow on Sunday, October 7th. Each team would find it much easier to run around the ends and, in doing so, would result in the game scores.

Agawam won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball. The Warriors would score on their opening drive, culminating with a 40-yard touchdown run by quarterback Robert McGeoghan. He would end the game with a total of 106 yards rushing. Accompanying McGeoghan in the backfield was tailback Joseph Toto (who gained 65 yards rushing) and fullback Tyler Devoe (who gained 58 yards rushing and the Warriors' other touchdown).

On the offensive line, ends Foster Alston and Luis Alvarez - along with linemen Jarrett Fondakowski, Joseph Farewell, Nick Santinello, Brian Toussant, and center Kyle Craig - would contribute to the team. Sharing the wingback position were Tony Rescigno and Jason Zordani. The Warrior offense would go up by a score of 12-0 in the second quarter.

The defensive unit of the Warriors played well early in the game, stopping Longmeadow from executing. Longmeadow, taking its cue from the Warriors, would bounce the ball to outside for a score just before the

half ended. At the half, the score would find the Warriors up by a score of 12-6. Longmeadow would again get to outside in the third quarter for their second score and tie the game.

The Warriors would find themselves with the ball on their own 30-yard line; the game tied 12-12 with only five seconds to go in the game; and an untimely turnover would give Longmeadow a last "long shot" try. The Longmeadow team once again got to the outside of the Warriors' defense and scored with no time left on the clock and took the victory. The Warriors now stand 4-1 on the season with three games remaining.

The Warrior defensive unit consists of linemen Joseph Farewell, Jarrett Fondakowski, Nick Santinello, and Matthew Reardon. At the defensive end positions, Tony Rescigno, Luis Alvarez, and Dominick Ricco. The defensive backfield included linebackers Joseph Toto, Robert McGeoghan, Foster Alston, and Tyler Devoe. Jason Zordani was at the safety position. Not dressed was lineman Kevin McDonnell due to sickness.

Up next for the Warriors - the Northampton Blue Demons will come to Agawam's Memorial Field on Sunday, October 14th, for a 12:15 p.m. game.



THE AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADERS' JUNIOR SQUAD. Back row: Coach Peg Cowell, Shaunna Howe, Noelle Myers, Katie Caplette, Ashley Sadowski, Kelsi Johnson, Chelsea Lafontaine, and Coach Cindy Egan. Middle row: Emily Sotolotto, Jennifer Hensel, Theresa Glod, Meghan McGuire, Brittany Morris, Caitlin Paulin, and Julie-Ayn Montalvo. Front row: Krystal Morace, Sarah Gallagher, Kim Bock, Courtney Cowell, Kerri Egan, Alyssa Styckiewicz, and Brooke Andruss.



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In Tri-Parish Bowling League...

St. Mary is creeping up on first-place Fordham

Fordham continues to hold the lead in round one of the Tri-Parish Bowling League, but by not nearly as much after losing to Notre Dame, 3-1, on Monday, October 1st.

No one rolled over the 300 mark for Fordham, and only one roller did that for Notre Dame (that being a 302 rolled by Jon "Money" Robarge). The scores were close. ND won the first string by eight pins; F'ham took the second by 20; and ND came right back, winning the third by 25 to total out 13 pins ahead for the fourth points.

(It must be pointed out that this match was rolled on the infamous lanes one and two, which has a lot to do with the scores!)

St. Mary was able to creep closer to Fordham by rolling them as opponents as the bye team and beating them for all four points. There were only three strings over 100. For St. M, Mary "Not Marlo" Thomas has one (a nice 114), and "Jolly" Olly Muldrew hit the other two (a 122 and a 111). "Jolly" finished with a total of 322.

The scores weren't much better as Catholic University tied with Georgetown at 2-2. Only Lance "Lightning" Poirier ran over the 300 mark with a 320 total. G'town won the first string in a tight match by three pins, then lost by 62 in the second; however, it won the third by 22 (which gave CU total pinfall).

It looked like it was going to be a high-scoring match, as six of the rollers hit over 100 on the first string. For CU, Caroline "Peppy" Coelln hit a 304, then stumbled; Terry "Tiger" Cerpovicz ran two over 100, then stumbled; and "Lightning" had a first string of 109 and a third string of 117, but stumbled in the middle string. For G'town, John "Big Bad" Mlinek had his best early with a 100 even; Tom "Thumb" Massotti did the same with a 102; and Rich "Golden" Snyder hit a 104 first and a 103 third, but stumbled in the second by enough to miss the 300 mark.

In the last match, Holy Cross took St. Louis, 4-0, in the first string by five, the second by three, and the third by 40 to win all of the points. For HC, Debbie "Mighty" Poirier ran a 119 third string for a 307 total. For St. L, it was all Ron "The Don" Menard, who kept his team in the match by rolling a 127, 142, and 112 for a 381 total (a great night, but not enough; some nights are frustrating!).

So, the standings went like this as of October 1st:

Fordham	10-1/2 - 5-1/2
St. Mary	10 - 6
Holy Cross	9 - 7
Notre Dame	9 - 7
Catholic University	6-1/2 - 9-1/2
Georgetown	6 - 10
St. Louis	4 - 12
Bye Team	9 - 7

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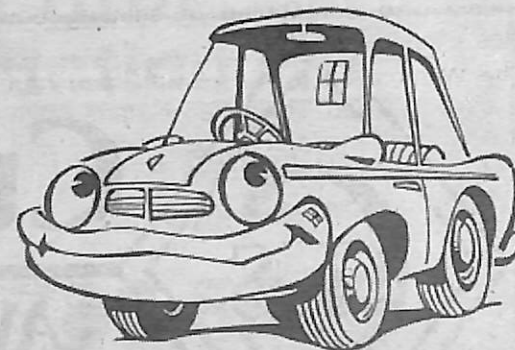
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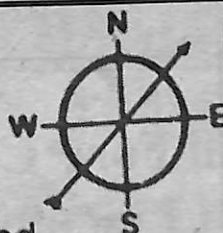
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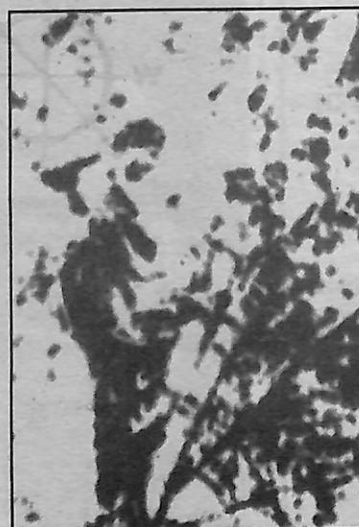
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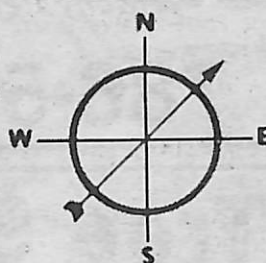
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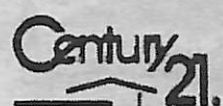
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